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YOU CAN BE FAMOUS, FOR *FIFTEEN MINUTES.* MAYBE FOR A WHOLE *AFTERNOON.*

The perpetrator of the seizure of Barney & Benson walks free again

Hobey Robson released

Yet another shocking verdict by judge MacCormacky

DUCKBURG – "Clean, confused, repentant", the obliging judge defin
Hobey Robson. Accused of acts of violence inside Duckmall Center, h
as released this morning. The event dates back to two months ago,
en Robson burst into the city's most prestigious shopping center,
ng hostage customers, employees and the owners themselves.
hours under siege by police and special forces, Robson collapse
e floor unconscious

PERHAPS, FOR *ONE DAY...* BUT TOWARDS EVENING, EVERYTHING GOES BACK TO NORMAL. *IF YOU'RE LUCKY.*

PANT!

IF SOMETHING HASN'T CHANGED YOU IN THE MEANTIME.

NO! *NO!*

HOBEY?

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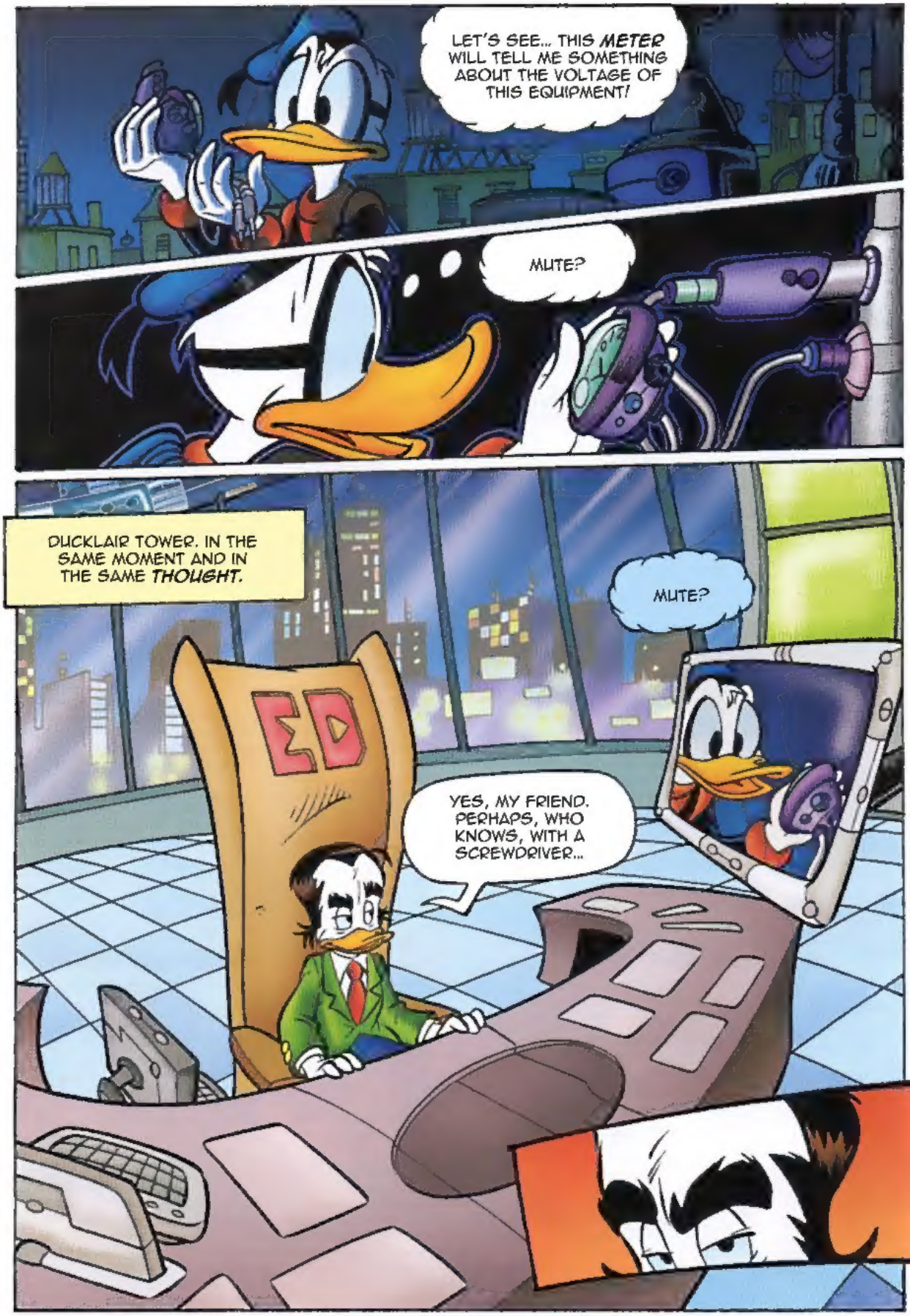
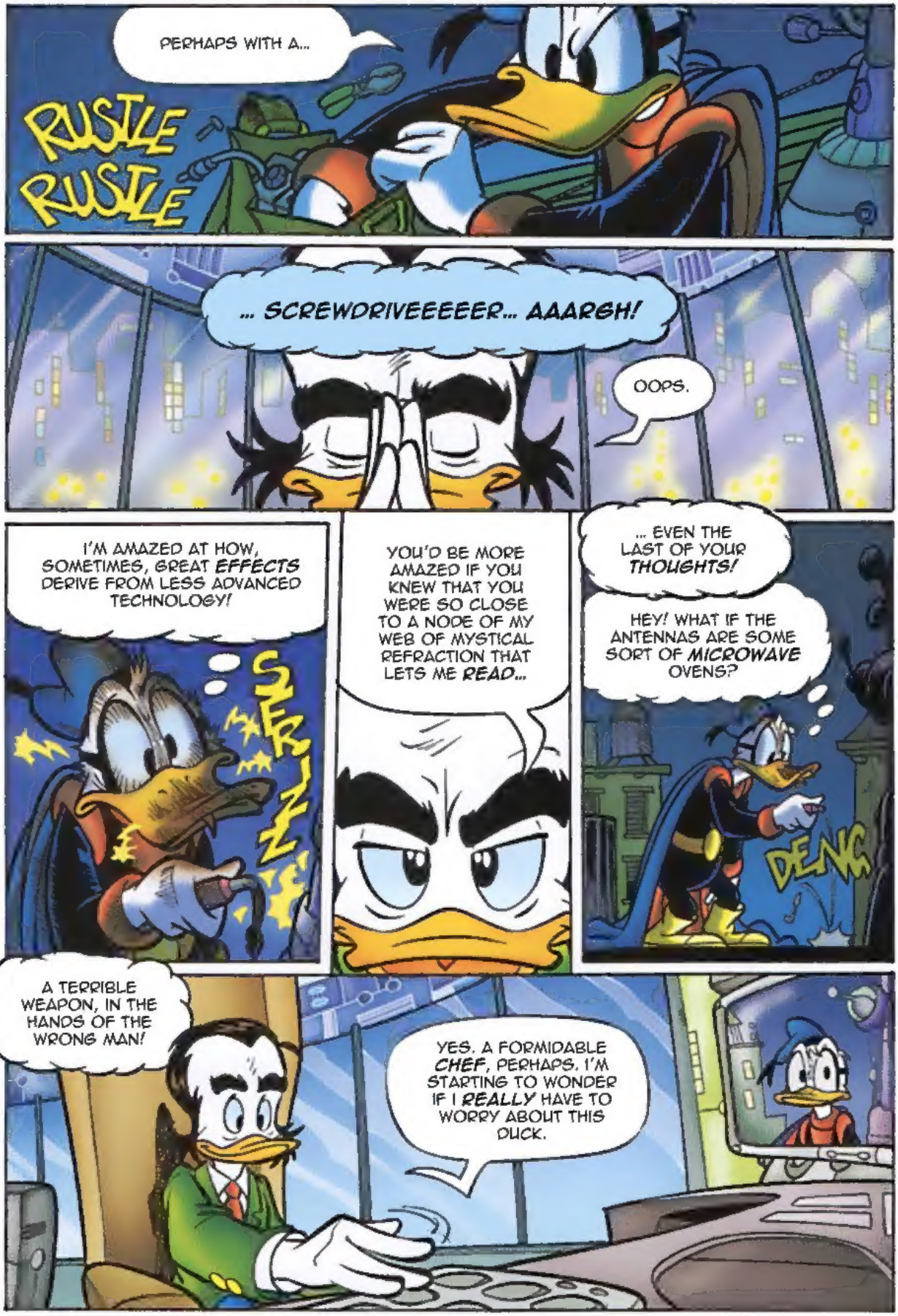
AAARGH!
HOBEY! EVERYTHING ALRIGHT?
PANT! J-JUST A BAD DREAM, MALCOLM!
MORE LIKE NIGHTMARE.
IT'S THAT I FEEL A LITTLE STRANGE. SOMETHING'S HAPPENED TO ME...
IF SOMEONE HASN'T ENTERED YOUR HEAD IN THE MEANTIME. ENTERED OR EXITED.
DOESN'T MATTER WHO IT WAS, NOR WHAT HE OR SHE WANTED. OF COURSE, EVERYTHING WAS PUT IN DISORDER.

AND YOU, OF COURSE, ARE NO LONGER THE SAME AS BEFORE.
I FEEL ANOTHER...
AND YOU'RE COMPLAINING?
I HEAR VOICES... LIKE A RADIO! BUT NO MUSIC, ONLY WORDS... WEAK.
DON'T LISTEN TO THEM, HOBEY. THEY COULD HURT YOU.
ON SOME STREETS I DON'T HEAR THEM.
ON OTHERS THEY SCREAM!
STAY AWAY FROM THEM! THEY HAVE NOTHING GOOD TO SAY!

HERE FOR EXAMPLE...
AT ELEVEN, TOMORROW MORNING...
... I LOVE HIM, OH, I LOVE...
COME ON! DON'T LISTEN!
... HAVE TO...
... SLEEP...
DUCKBURG, NIGHT.
HERE'S ANOTHER NEST OF ANTENNAS...
ZOUUU
PERHAPS BY ATTACKING A PERIPHERAL INSTALLATION I CAN FIGURE OUT SOMETHING.
NOW THAT I'VE SOLVED THE REFUGE PROBLEM, I CAN DEVOTE MYSELF TO THE MYSTERY OF THESE ANTENNAS!


LET'S SEE... THIS METER WILL TELL ME SOMETHING ABOUT THE VOLTAGE OF THIS EQUIPMENT!
MUTE?
DUCKLAIR TOWER. IN THE SAME MOMENT AND IN THE SAME THOUGHT.
MUTE?
ED
YES, MY FRIEND. PERHAPS, WHO KNOWS, WITH A SCREWDRIVER...

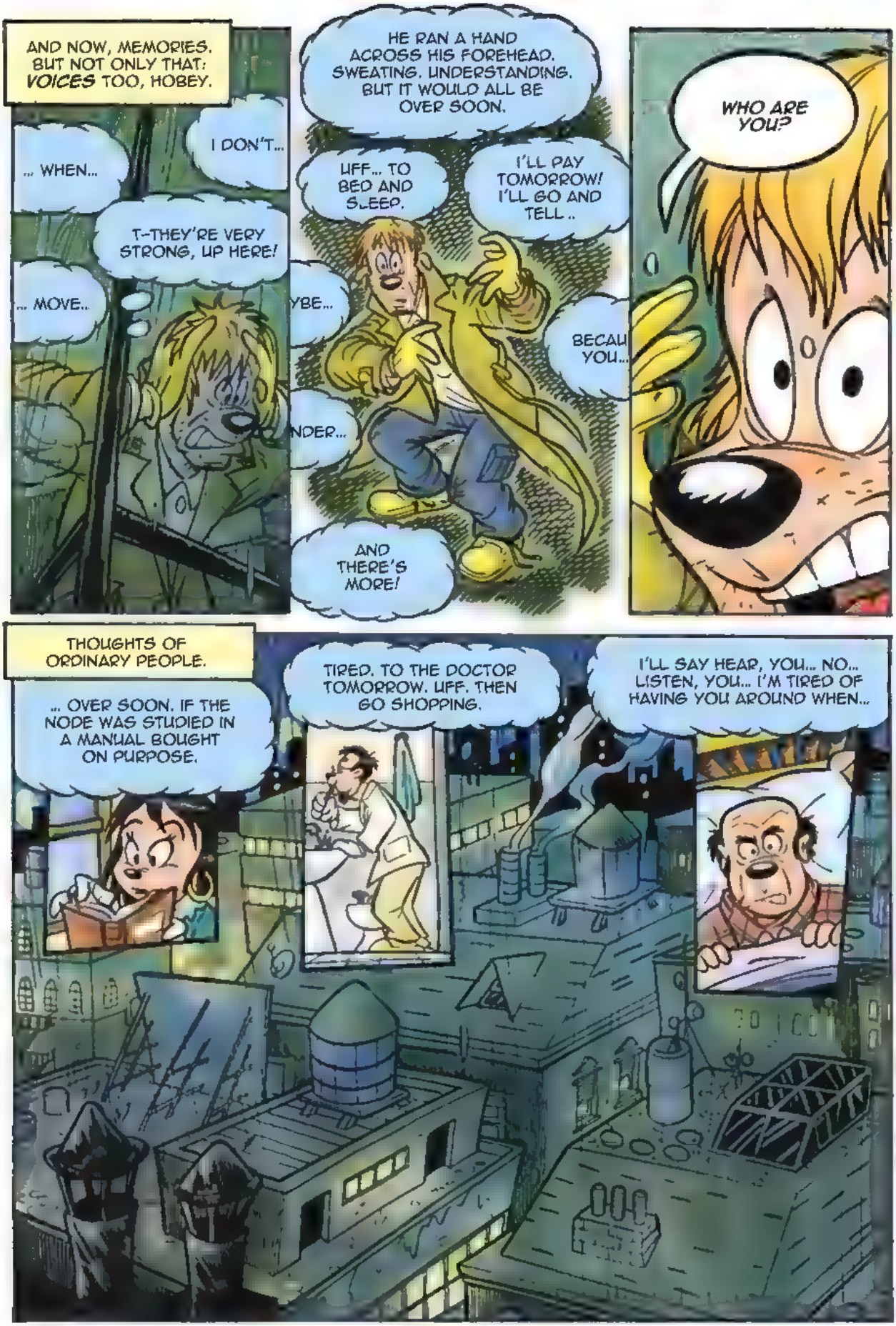

PERHAPS WITH A...
RUSTLE RUSTLE
... SCREWDRIVEEEEEER... AAARGH!
OOPS.
I'M AMAZED AT HOW, SOMETIMES, GREAT EFFECTS DERIVE FROM LESS ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY!
SFRIZZ
YOU'D BE MORE AMAZED IF YOU KNEW THAT YOU WERE SO CLOSE TO A NODE OF MY WEB OF MYSTICAL REFRACTION THAT LETS ME READ...
... EVEN THE LAST OF YOUR THOUGHTS!
HEY! WHAT IF THE ANTENNAS ARE SOME SORT OF MICROWAVE OVENS?
DING
A TERRIBLE WEAPON, IN THE HANDS OF THE WRONG MAN!
YES. A FORMIDABLE CHEF, PERHAPS. I'M STARTING TO WONDER IF I REALLY HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THIS DUCK.

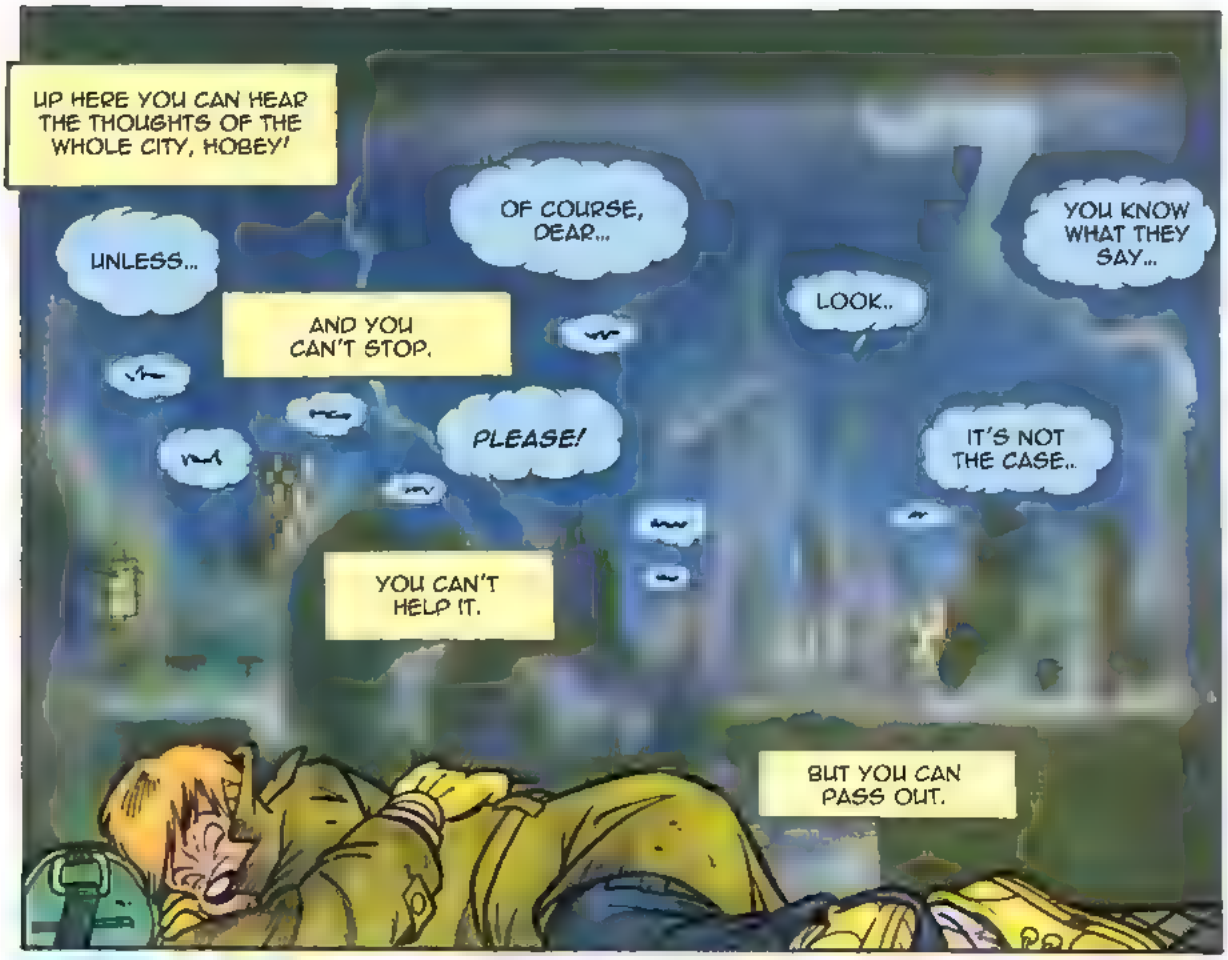
CLIKA CLAK
STAYING ON TOPIC, I'LL ANSWER FIRE WITH FIRE!
YAWN. COULD BE ENOUGH, I'LL PUT SELF-DEFENSE AT AUTOMATIC.
SELF DEF
EEEP
SHOOT
KABOOM
N-N-NOOO...

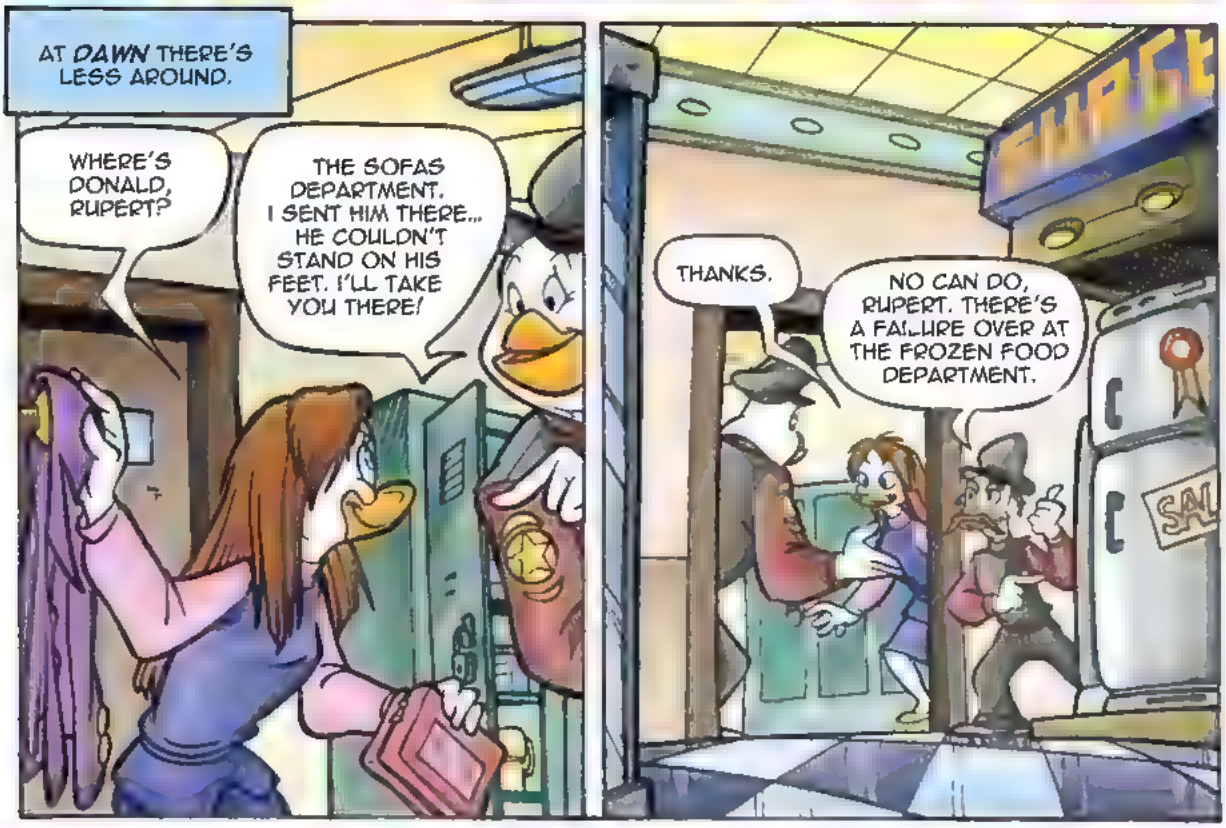
HEY!
Y-YOU OKAY, BUDDY?
YES! I LOVE GETTING SQUASHED ON THE SIDEWALK!
DE GUSTIBUS...
HUH! TWELVE O'CLOCK! GOTTA GET TO DUCK-MALL. MY SHIFT'S STARTS...
... AT TWELVE! AND I DON'T SEE WHY I HAVE TO ARRIVE ON TIME, WHILE HE GETS TO SHOW UP HALF AN HOUR LATE!
AT EASE, FITZROY! DONALD?
EHEM... I HAD A PROBLEM WITH THE WATER HEATER!
DING
FRUB

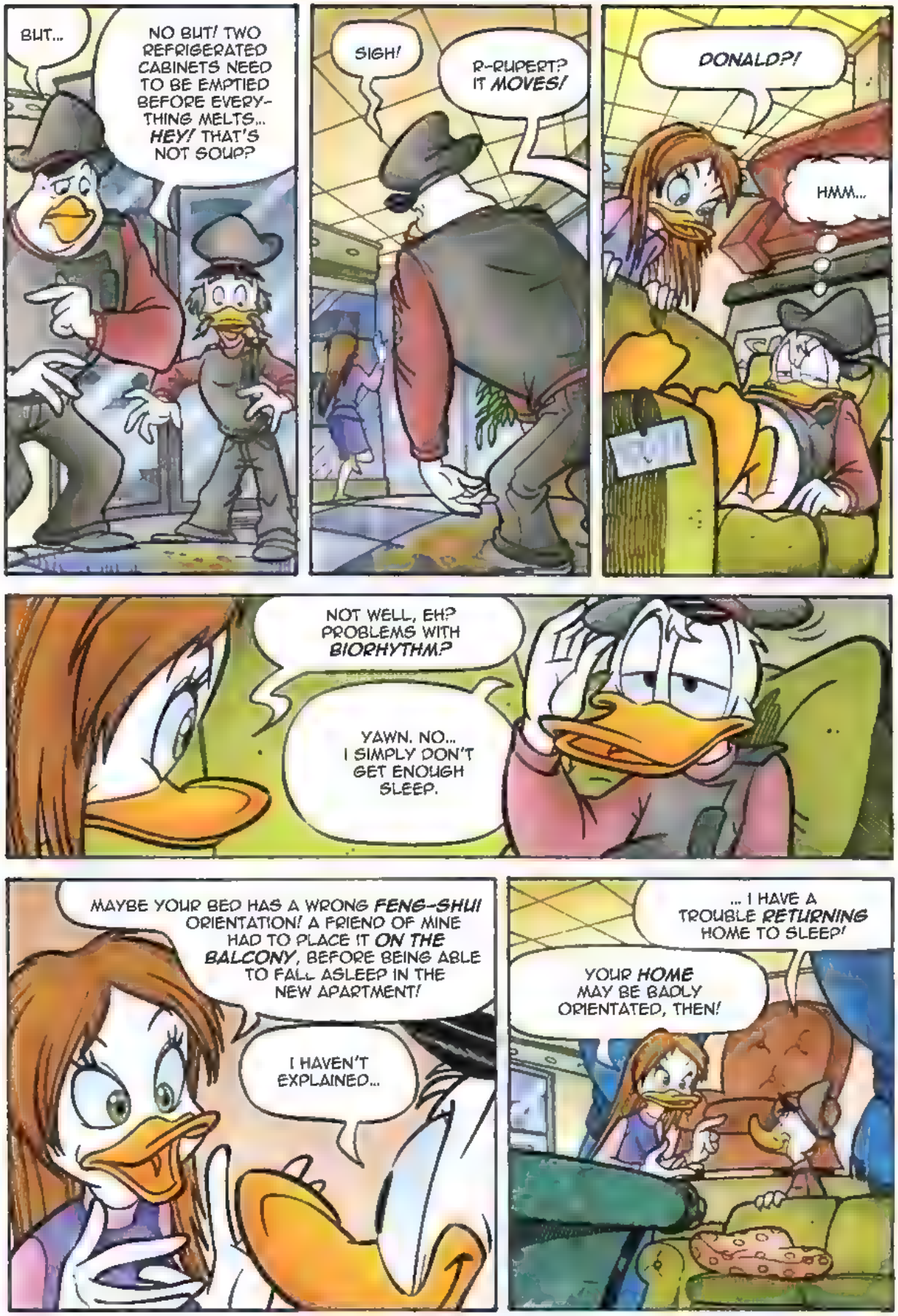
IT MUST HAVE EXPLODED, THE WATER HEATER. THAT'S SOOT.
YAWN... FIREWOOD.
LISTEN: I DON'T CARE *WHAT* YOU DO BEFORE COMING TO WORK. BUT I CARE THAT YOU ARRIVE ON TIME AND IN *ORDER!* UNDERSTOOD?
SERVES YOU RIGHT!
UNDERSTOOD?!
EH? AH, SURE!
LOYAL AND HYPERACTIVE, EH? IF YOU GO ON LIKE THIS YOU'LL END UP CLIMBING OVER EVERYONE, EH?
NO. I JUST WANT TO BE SOMEWHERE ELSE.
FOR A BIT, YOU CAN BE FAMOUS. THEN, IT'S ENOUGH... BUT THE MEMORIES WILL REMAIN.
YOU HAVE YOUR HEAD FULL OF MEMORIES. FROM THE TIME YOU AIMED *HIGH.*

A FEW YEARS AGO...
BUT MY PROJECT FOR THE DEFCO *PORTAL* WAS A SUCCESS!
A HUGE SUCCESS, HOBEY. UNFORTUNATELY, EVERY PHASE OF CORPORATE RESTRUCTURING INVOLVES SACRIFICES
YOU'RE *VERY* GOOD, THUS YOU COST *VERY* MUCH.
SO YOU PREFER TO KEEP THE MEDIOCRE ONES.
WE PREFER KEEPING THE *TECHNICIANS*. AT THIS TIME A GOOD ELECTRICIAN IS *WORTH* THREE CREATIVE PEOPLE. MOREOVER, I DON'T THINK IT'LL BE HARD FOR YOU TO...
... TO *SUE YOU?* NO, IT'LL BE EASY.
"YOU'LL SPEND ALL YOUR MONEY ON LAWYERS, HOBEY, AND THESE ARE HARD TIMES FOR EVERYONE. YOU MAY END UP *ON THE STREET*, HAVE YOU THOUGHT OF THAT?"

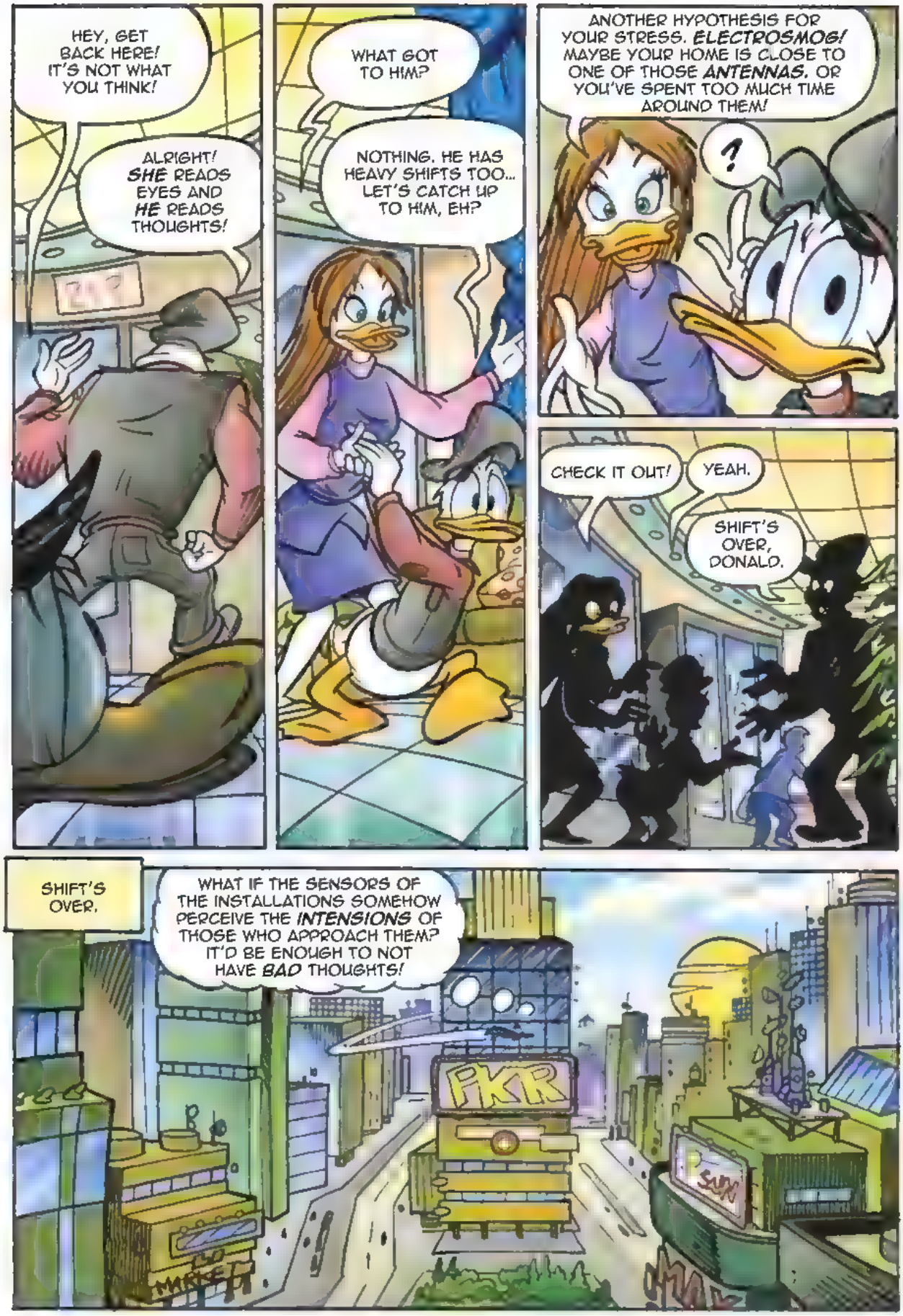

AND NOW, MEMORIES. BUT NOT ONLY THAT: VOICES TOO, HOBEY.
... WHEN...
I DON'T...
T-THEY'RE VERY STRONG, UP HERE!
... MOVE..
HE RAN A HAND ACROSS HIS FOREHEAD. SWEATING. UNDERSTANDING. BUT IT WOULD ALL BE OVER SOON.
UFF... TO BED AND SLEEP.
I'LL PAY TOMORROW! I'LL GO AND TELL ..
YBE...
BECAU YOU...
NDER...
AND THERE'S MORE!
WHO ARE YOU?
THOUGHTS OF ORDINARY PEOPLE.
... OVER SOON. IF THE NODE WAS STUDIED IN A MANUAL BOUGHT ON PURPOSE.
TIRED. TO THE DOCTOR TOMORROW. UFF. THEN GO SHOPPING.
I'LL SAY HEAR, YOU... NO... LISTEN, YOU... I'M TIRED OF HAVING YOU AROUND WHEN...


UP HERE YOU CAN HEAR THE THOUGHTS OF THE WHOLE CITY, HOBEY!
UNLESS...
OF COURSE, DEAR...
AND YOU CAN'T STOP.
PLEASE!
YOU CAN'T HELP IT.
LOOK..
YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY...
IT'S NOT THE CASE..
BUT YOU CAN PASS OUT.


AT DAWN THERE'S LESS AROUND.
WHERE'S DONALD, RUPERT?
THE SOFAS DEPARTMENT. I SENT HIM THERE... HE COULDN'T STAND ON HIS FEET. I'LL TAKE YOU THERE!
THANKS.
NO CAN DO, RUPERT. THERE'S A FAILURE OVER AT THE FROZEN FOOD DEPARTMENT.


BUT...
NO BUT! TWO REFRIGERATED CABINETS NEED TO BE EMPTIED BEFORE EVERYTHING MELTS... HEY! THAT'S NOT SOUP?
SIGH!
R-RUPERT? IT MOVES!
DONALD?!
HMM...
NOT WELL, EH? PROBLEMS WITH BIORHYTHM?
YAWN. NO... I SIMPLY DON'T GET ENOUGH SLEEP.
MAYBE YOUR BED HAS A WRONG FENG-SHUI ORIENTATION! A FRIEND OF MINE HAD TO PLACE IT ON THE BALCONY, BEFORE BEING ABLE TO FALL ASLEEP IN THE NEW APARTMENT!
I HAVEN'T EXPLAINED...
... I HAVE A TROUBLE RETURNING HOME TO SLEEP!
YOUR HOME MAY BE BADLY ORIENTATED, THEN!

IN ANY CASE, LET ME HAVE A LOOK. I JUST FINISHED MY COURSE IN *IRIDOLOGY!* THE READING OF EYES, YOU KNOW.
INTERES-TING. I'LL TRY TO KEEP THEM OPEN.
AS I THOUGHT! STRESS ADDED TO STRESS! THE RESULT...
A GREAT *SLEEP!*
IN ADDITION, I SEE A BIT OF DIFFUSED TENSION.
MUST BE THE APPETITE.
STEL... *ARGH!*
RUPERT, COME AND GET YOUR EYES READ TOO!
OH, I READ THEM JUST FINE FROM HERE!
BUT... IS SOMETHING WRONG?
SNORT! SOMETHING, YES!

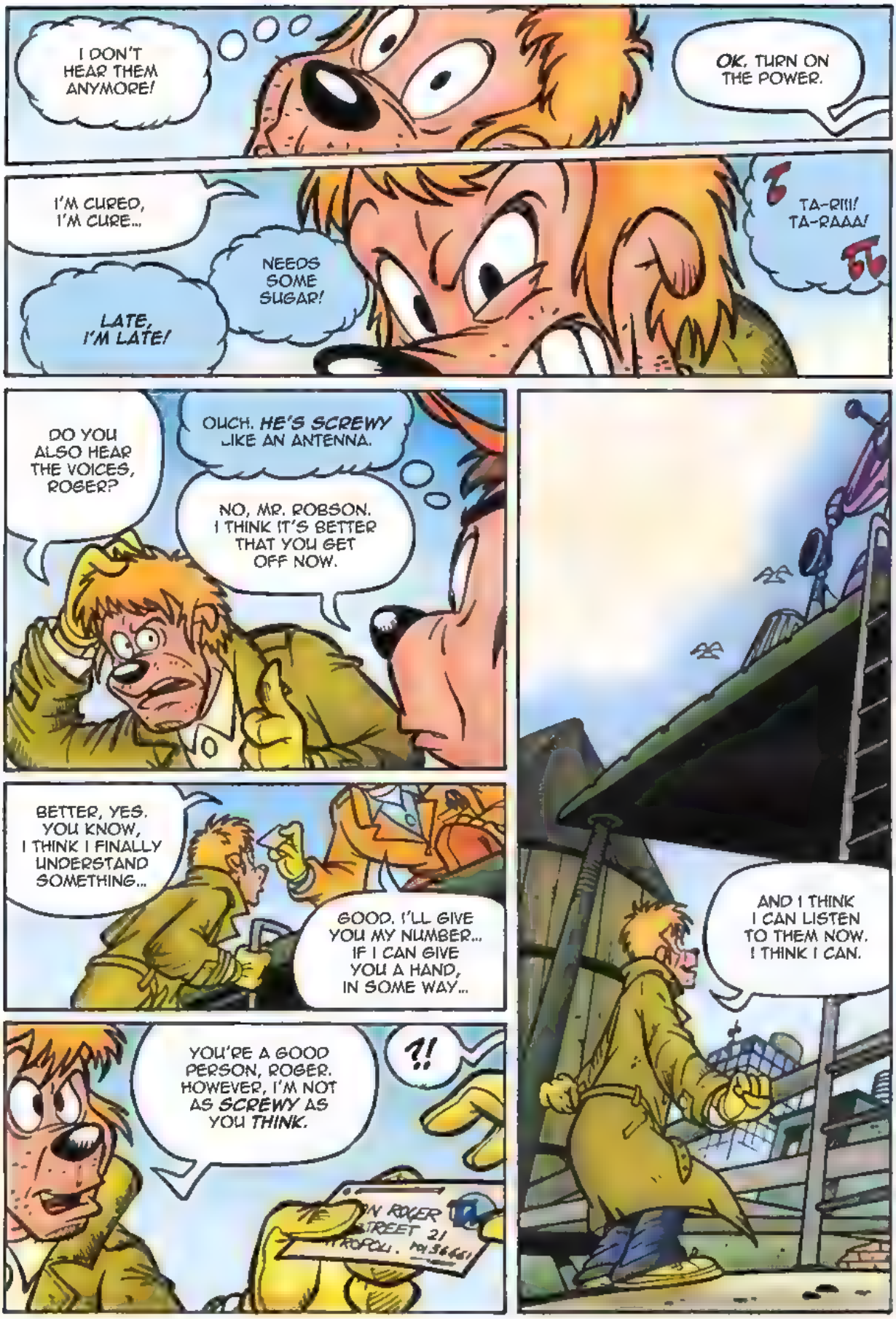

HEY, GET BACK HERE! IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK!
ALRIGHT! SHE READS EYES AND HE READS THOUGHTS!
WHAT GOT TO HIM?
NOTHING. HE HAS HEAVY SHIFTS TOO... LET'S CATCH UP TO HIM, EH?
ANOTHER HYPOTHESIS FOR YOUR STRESS. ELECTROSMOG! MAYBE YOUR HOME IS CLOSE TO ONE OF THOSE ANTENNAS. OR YOU'VE SPENT TOO MUCH TIME AROUND THEM!
?
CHECK IT OUT!
YEAH.
SHIFT'S OVER, DONALD.
SHIFT'S OVER.
WHAT IF THE SENSORS OF THE INSTALLATIONS SOMEHOW PERCEIVE THE INTENSIONS OF THOSE WHO APPROACH THEM? IT'D BE ENOUGH TO NOT HAVE BAD THOUGHTS!
PKR
SUN
MARKET

LET'S TRY IT...
TIC
SWEET DOCILE PUPPIES HAD PARTIES AND ROLLED AROUND!
TIC TIC TIC
IT'S A WONDERFUL DAY! GREAT FOR VISITING FRIENDS, SINGING AND FOR THE FUN TRIPS!
TIC TIC TIC
I'VE DECIDED. FIRST ICE CREAM, THEN GO ON A PICNIC! SANDWICHES, SUN, DRINKS!
IT WORKS! NOW TO DISASSEMBLE EVERYTHING AND...

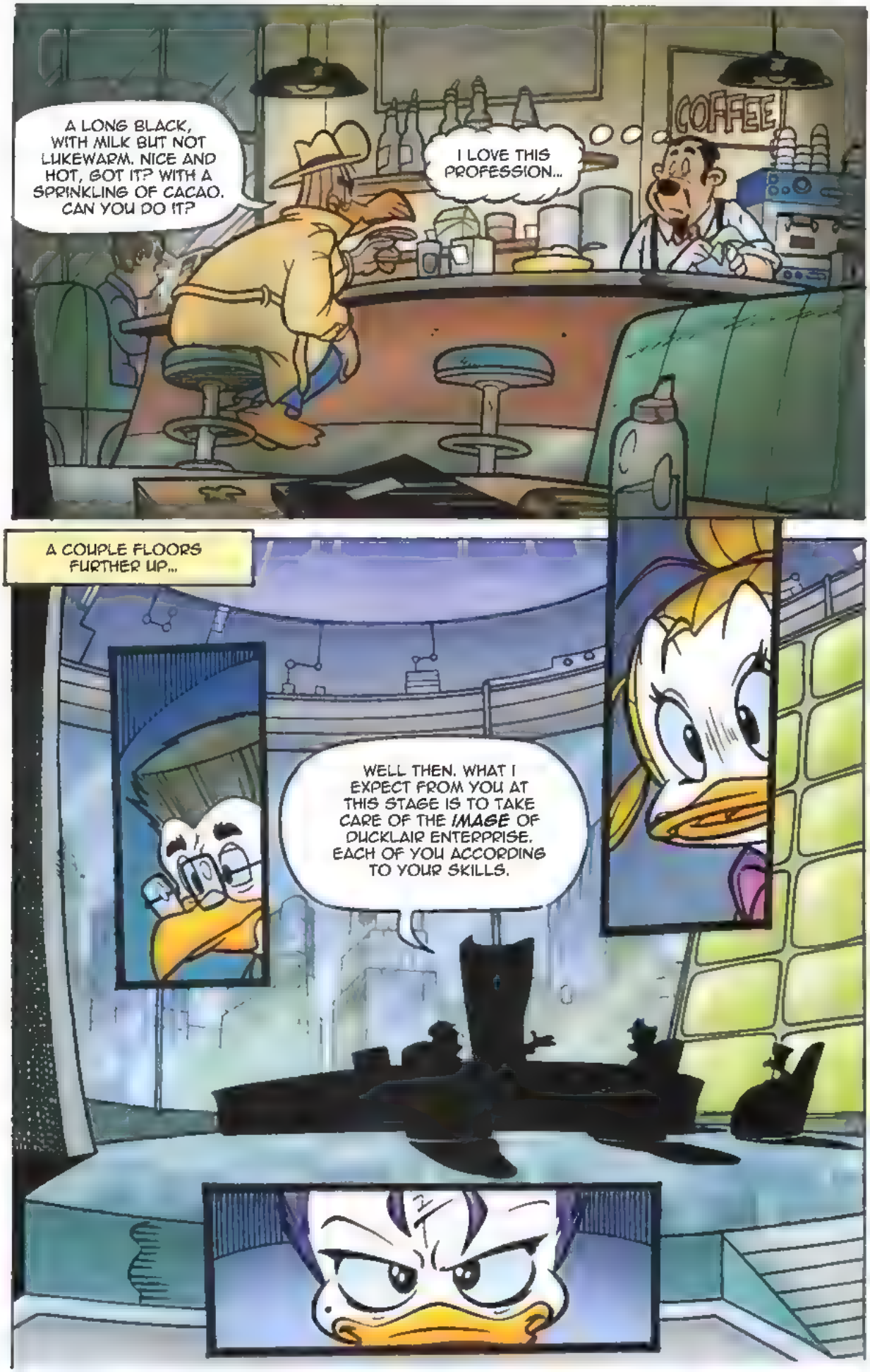
KA-WOOM
THE 45 EAST EXPLODED? YES, I HEARD A BANG, BUT... YOU'LL TAKE CARE OF IT? GOOD, BECAUSE WE'VE ALREADY DEACTIVATED THIS... OK, OK!
ROGER? THERE'S A PROBLEM!
ON
OFF

BOYS, YOU WON'T BELIEVE IT! THE BANG JUST NOW WAS ANTENNA 45! IT BLEW UP!
WELL, HERE'S ONE WHO'S NOT THRILLED AT ALL! SEE IF YOU CAN WAKE HIM UP...
LOOK AT THAT! THIS DAY'S FULL OF SURP-RISES!
YOU KNOW HIM?
MR. ROBSON! WAKE UP! HOBEY!
I... I...
YOU NEED TO GET OFF, MR. ROBSON! YOU CAN'T STAY HERE!
ROGER?!
YEAH. IT'S BEEN A WHILE, EH?
AND IT LOOKS LIKE TIME HASN'T BEEN GOOD TO YOU, PAL...

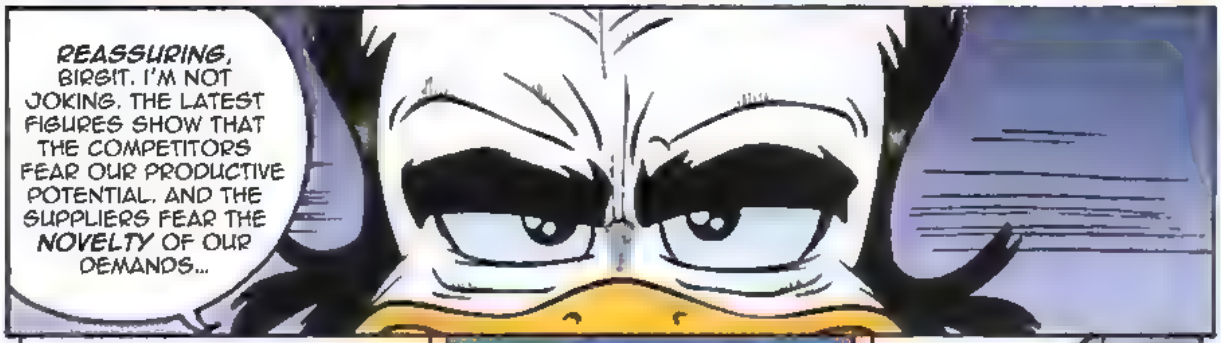
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
MAINTENANCE. AFTER THE COMPANY CLOSED, I BEGAN WORKING AT DUCKLAIR ENTERPRISE. ANTENNAS, REPEATERS, THINGS LIKE THAT!
IT CLOSED?!
BANKRUPTCIES, A DISASTER!
HE HE! CORPORATE RESTRUCTURING...
I SEE YOU DON'T MIND THAT MUCH.
YOU KNOW HOW I GOT KICKED OUT, DON'T YOU?
YEAH. I GOT OUT JUST BEFORE IT SANK.
AND A GOOD ELECTRICIAN ALWAYS FINDS SOMETHING TO DO. HAVE... HAVE YOU ALREADY HAD BREAKFAST? IF I MAY...
THANKS, ROGER.

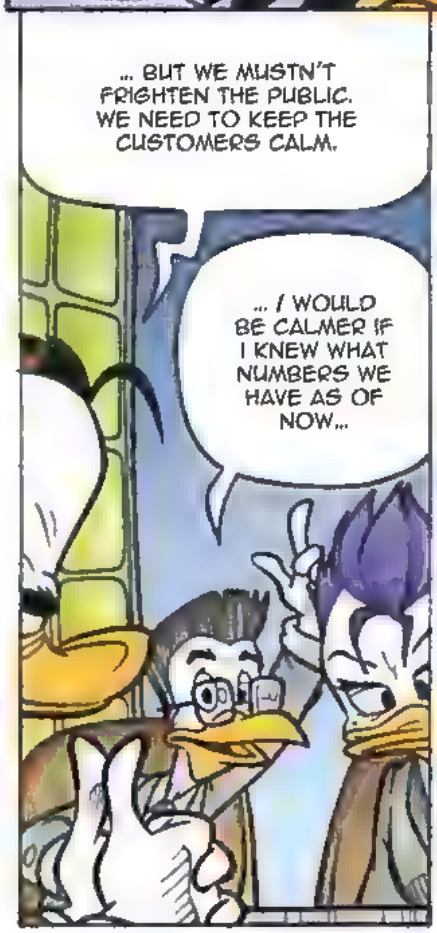

I DON'T HEAR THEM ANYMORE!
OK, TURN ON THE POWER.
I'M CURED, I'M CURE...
NEEDS SOME SUGAR!
LATE, I'M LATE!
TA-RIII! TA-RAAA!
DO YOU ALSO HEAR THE VOICES, ROGER?
OUCH. HE'S SCREWY LIKE AN ANTENNA.
NO, MR. ROBSON. I THINK IT'S BETTER THAT YOU GET OFF NOW.
BETTER, YES. YOU KNOW, I THINK I FINALLY UNDERSTAND SOMETHING...
GOOD. I'LL GIVE YOU MY NUMBER... IF I CAN GIVE YOU A HAND, IN SOME WAY...
YOU'RE A GOOD PERSON, ROGER. HOWEVER, I'M NOT AS SCREWY AS YOU THINK.
?!
AND I THINK I CAN LISTEN TO THEM NOW. I THINK I CAN.

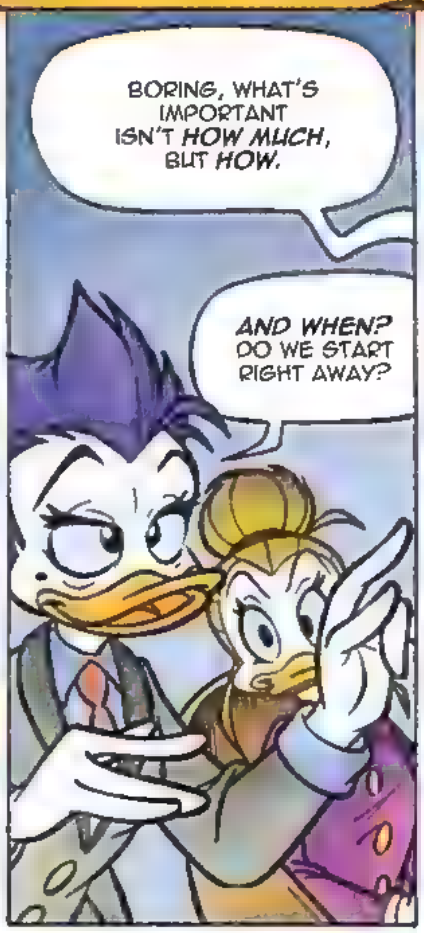
CHANNEL OO.
THE EDITORIAL MEETING'S IN HALF AN HOUR, ANGUS!
OH, I'LL MISS OUT ON IT. I'M CRUSHED, BELIEVE ME. BUT I HAVE AN IMPORTANT COMMITMENT...
WHAT KIND?
YOU THINK I'D TELL YOU, MORRIGHAN?
KNOWING YOU, NO!
INSTEAD I'LL TELL YOU. I HAVE AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH Mc AFEA, THE KING OF COASTERS. YOU DON'T KNOW ME ENOUGH.
NOR DO I CARE.
I, HOWEVER, KNOW YOU IN AND OUT. IF I TOLD HIM THAT I'M GOING TO GET ME SOME GOODIES ON DUCKLAIR ENTERPRISE, HE WOULD HAVE FOLLOWED ME.
I'M A LITTLE EARLY, THOUGH. THEY'RE STILL IN A MEETING.


A LONG BLACK, WITH MILK BUT NOT LUKEWARM. NICE AND HOT, GOT IT? WITH A SPRINKLING OF CACAO. CAN YOU DO IT?
I LOVE THIS PROFESSION...
COFFEE
A COUPLE FLOORS FURTHER UP...
WELL THEN. WHAT I EXPECT FROM YOU AT THIS STAGE IS TO TAKE CARE OF THE *IMAGE* OF DUCKLAIR ENTERPRISE. EACH OF YOU ACCORDING TO YOUR SKILLS.

ED
I'LL TELL YOU IN THREE WORDS HOW I WANT THE ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN TO BE: *REASSURING, REASSURING AND REASSURING.*
COULD YOU REPEAT THAT LAST ONE? I WASN'T PAYING ATTENTION.
HE HE!


REASSURING, BIRGIT. I'M NOT JOKING. THE LATEST FIGURES SHOW THAT THE COMPETITORS FEAR OUR PRODUCTIVE POTENTIAL, AND THE SUPPLIERS FEAR THE *NOVELTY* OF OUR DEMANDS...


... BUT WE MUSTN'T FRIGHTEN THE PUBLIC. WE NEED TO KEEP THE CUSTOMERS CALM.
... I WOULD BE CALMER IF I KNEW WHAT NUMBERS WE HAVE AS OF NOW...


BORING, WHAT'S IMPORTANT ISN'T *HOW MUCH*, BUT *HOW*.
AND WHEN? DO WE START RIGHT AWAY?

WAIT FOR MY GO-AHEAD. FOR NOW, I WANT PROJECTS... IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, YOU CAN GO.

LYLA, FROM YOU I EXPECT A GOOD JOB WITH NEWSPAPERS AND TELEVISIONS. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT CONTACTS...
NATURALLY.
HOW'S IT GOING WITH JUNIPER?
GOOD. YOUR DAUGHTER'S A SWEET AND VERY SENSITIVE GIRL.
TOO SENSITIVE. CAN YOU TAKE CARE OF HER NOW?
OF COURSE.
"ABOVE ALL, I WANT HER TO BE LEFT ALONE. SHE'S NOT READY FOR THE STRESS OF MY COMMITMENTS. AND FOR THE PUBLIC LIFE."
DEEEAR LYLA! WHAT A COINCIDENCE!
KNOWING YOU, I DOUBT IT!
"I'LL HANDLE IT."
FLOOR
DLW

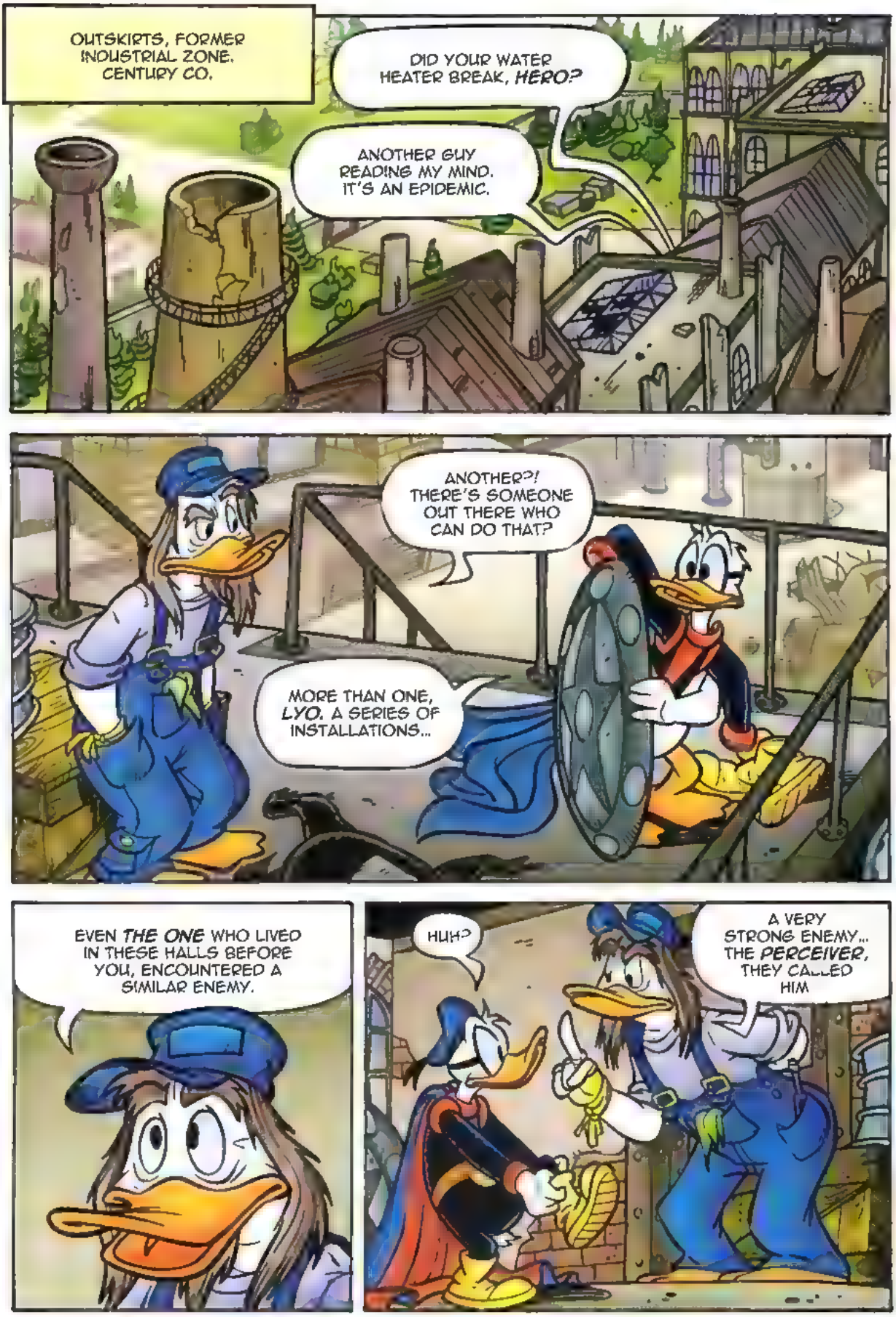
SO? WHAT'S BOILING IN EVERETT DUCKLAIR'S POT?
YOU THINK I'D TELL *YOU*, ANGUS?
DON'T STEAL MY LINES SHE'S HIS DAUGHTER, RIGHT? WHEN'S HER DEBUT IN SOCIETY? OH, I JUST NEED A TINY INDICATION...
OK. THERE'S THE DOOR
GOOD GIRL.
OUTSKIRTS, FORMER INDUSTRIAL ZONE. FEW THOUGHTS AROUND. ONE STRONG. ***STRONG.***
IT'S THE LAST ***TRANSFER*** THAT I DO THIS WAY... DANGEROUS, ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN... SOME INCIDENT, SOME SILLINESS! AND THEN, TROUBLE, TROUBLE, ***TROUBLE!***

I FEEL SUFFOCATED. PANT... I'LL TELL THE BOYS IT'S THE LAST TIME! IN FACT, IT'S RIDICULOUS. WHY CAN'T I CARRY A BRIEFCASE? "YOU'D ATTRACT ATTENTION", THEY TOLD ME...
INSTEAD I'M MISTREATED LIKE THIS. BUT LET'S GO... IT'S THE VERY LAST TIME...
YOU CAN BET ON THAT. TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS.
TUMP
RIIIIP
...
YOU...
FANTASTIC!

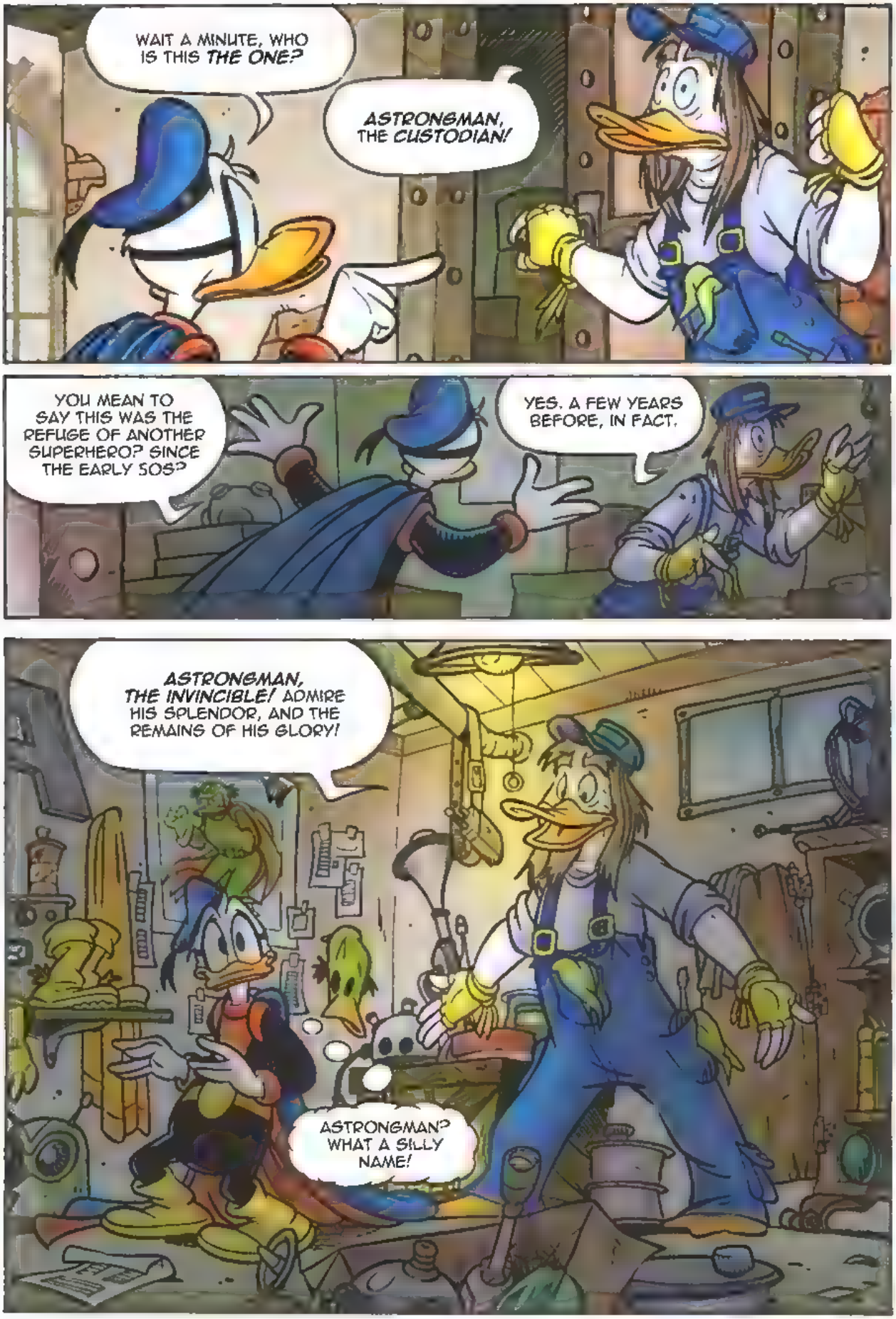
HE SHOULD ALREADY BE HERE...
WHAT... OUCH... DO I TELL THE BOYS NOW?
I HATE DELAYS, WHEN IT COMES TO MONEY, YOU KNOW!
FAN-TA-STIC!
MA-GNI-FI-CENT!
NOW TO EAT! QUICK!
THEN, A SUIT. NO, TWO. HE HE...
SOMEONE'S READING IN THE WEB! WHO IS IT? WHO IS IT?

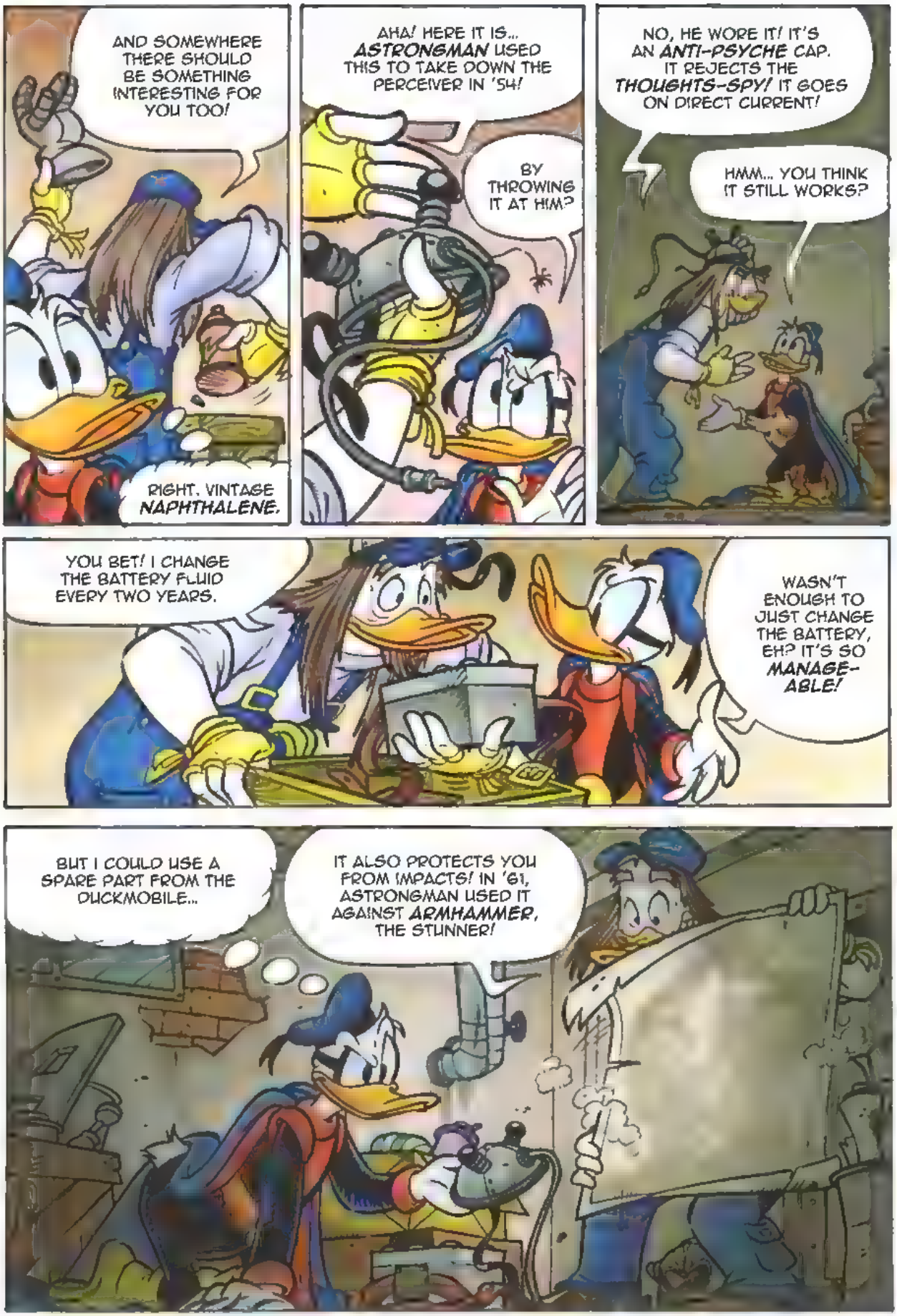
I CAN'T SEE CLEARLY... IT'S SO... FUZZY...

BECAUSE SOMEONE ENTERED YOUR HEAD. ENTERED AND EXITED.
PUTTING EVERYTHING IN DISORDER


OUTSKIRTS, FORMER INDUSTRIAL ZONE. CENTURY CO.
DID YOUR WATER HEATER BREAK, HERO?
ANOTHER GUY READING MY MIND. IT'S AN EPIDEMIC.
ANOTHER?! THERE'S SOMEONE OUT THERE WHO CAN DO THAT?
MORE THAN ONE, LYO. A SERIES OF INSTALLATIONS...
EVEN THE ONE WHO LIVED IN THESE HALLS BEFORE YOU, ENCOUNTERED A SIMILAR ENEMY.
HUH?
A VERY STRONG ENEMY... THE PERCEIVER, THEY CALLED HIM

"IT WAS ONE OF HIS FIRST FIGHTS. IT WAS 1949... THE PERCEIVER HAD BEEN USED BY THE SECRET SERVICE A FEW YEARS EARLIER."
"HE HAD BEEN EQUIPPED WITH A VERY LIGHT EXOSKELETON. HE COULD NATURALLY ANTICIPATE THE MOVES OF HIS OPPONENTS."
BUT NOT *FAST* ENOUGH.


WAIT A MINUTE, WHO IS THIS *THE ONE?*
ASTRONGMAN, THE *CUSTODIAN!*
YOU MEAN TO SAY THIS WAS THE REFUGE OF ANOTHER SUPERHERO? SINCE THE EARLY 50S?
YES. A FEW YEARS BEFORE, IN FACT.
ASTRONGMAN, THE INVINCIBLE! ADMIRE HIS SPLENDOR, AND THE REMAINS OF HIS GLORY!
ASTRONGMAN? WHAT A SILLY NAME!


AND SOMEWHERE THERE SHOULD BE SOMETHING INTERESTING FOR YOU TOO!
RIGHT. VINTAGE NAPHTHALENE.
AHA! HERE IT IS... ASTRONGMAN USED THIS TO TAKE DOWN THE PERCEIVER IN '54!
BY THROWING IT AT HIM?
NO, HE WORE IT! IT'S AN ANTI-PSYCHE CAP. IT REJECTS THE THOUGHTS-SPY! IT GOES ON DIRECT CURRENT!
HMM... YOU THINK IT STILL WORKS?
YOU BET! I CHANGE THE BATTERY FLUID EVERY TWO YEARS.
WASN'T ENOUGH TO JUST CHANGE THE BATTERY, EH? IT'S SO MANAGE-ABLE!
BUT I COULD USE A SPARE PART FROM THE DUCKMOBILE...
IT ALSO PROTECTS YOU FROM IMPACTS! IN '61, ASTRONGMAN USED IT AGAINST ARMHAMMER, THE STUNNER!

HOURS LATER, VAULT OF COUNTYBANK.
JUST A MOMENT, THERE'S ALREADY A CLIENT IN THE VAULT...
THE GOVERNOR.
HOW DID YOU KNOW?
SILENCE!
TWO-TWO... SEVEN-SIX-FOUR... AND LET'S FORGET IT! TIME TO GO.
GOODBYE, GOVERNOR.
THEN THEY'LL NEED TO COMPLETELY DISAPPEAR. NOT NOW, THEY'LL SERVE AS RECEIPT!

THUS, FOR THE CLOSING OF THE SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX...
I KNOW IT ALL. YOU CAN LEAVE ME ALONE.
HMPF!
CLUD
TWO-TWO-SEVEN-SIX-FOUR. AND...
CLAC
BUT LOOK AT THE GOVERNOR. LOOK... LOOK... LOOK. HOW MUCH WOULD THE PAPERS PAY FOR THESE?
"HOW MUCH WOULD TELEVISION PAY?"
YOU SURE YOU CAN USE THESE ARGUMENTS?
VERY SURE. THEY WANTED THEM. IF DUCKLAIR'S IN MEDIA BLACKOUT, IT DOESN'T MEAN THAT I HAVE TO STAY QUIET.
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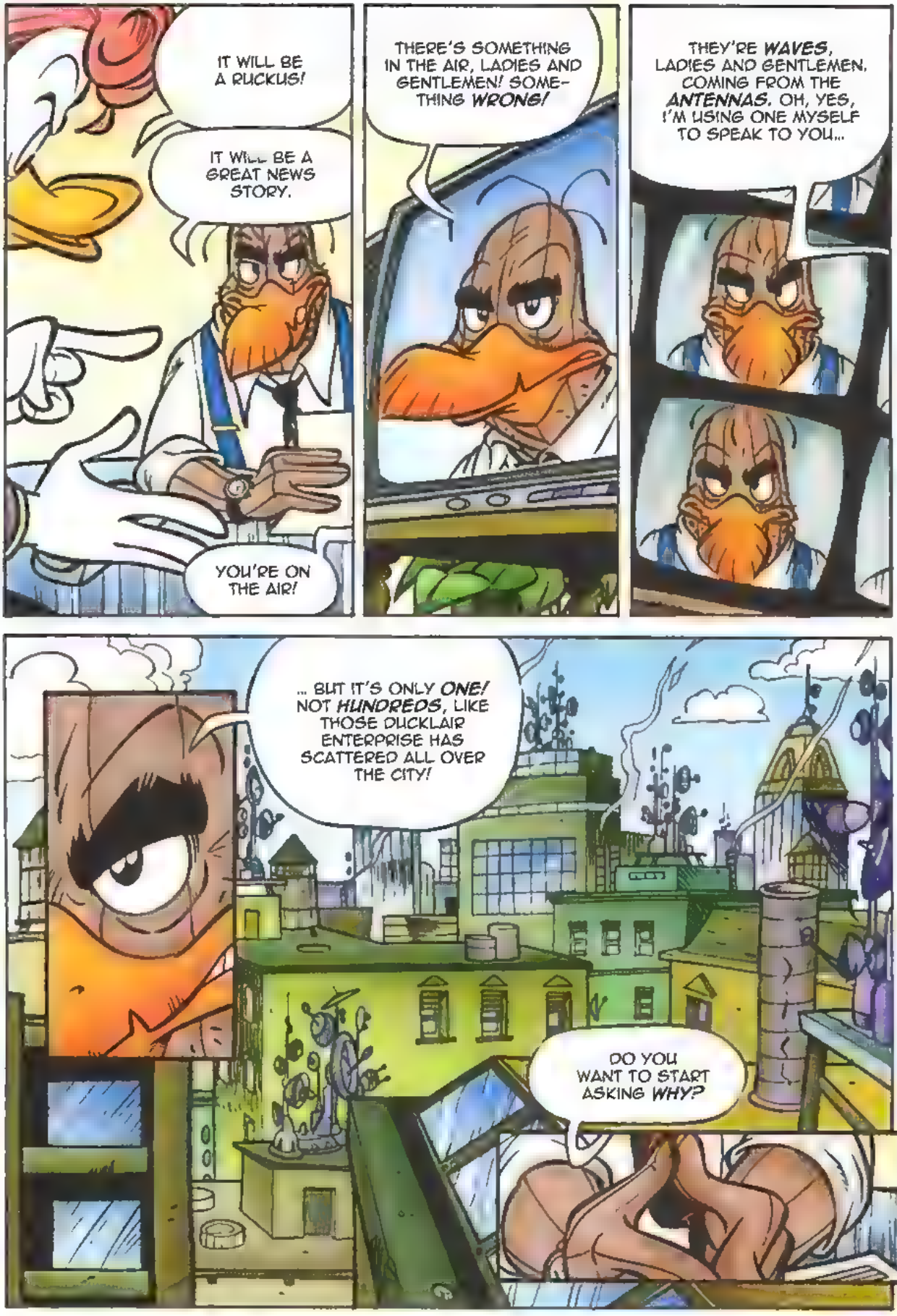
IT WILL BE A RUCKUS!
IT WILL BE A GREAT NEWS STORY.
YOU'RE ON THE AIR!
THERE'S SOMETHING IN THE AIR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN! SOMETHING WRONG!
THEY'RE WAVES, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, COMING FROM THE ANTENNAS. OH, YES, I'M USING ONE MYSELF TO SPEAK TO YOU...
... BUT IT'S ONLY ONE! NOT HUNDREDS, LIKE THOSE DUCKLAIR ENTERPRISE HAS SCATTERED ALL OVER THE CITY!
DO YOU WANT TO START ASKING WHY?

DO YOU WANT TO START ASKING THEM THAT? AND ASK YOURSELVES, WHILE THERE'S STILL TIME, WHAT CAN WE DO?
"IT SHOULDN'T BE DIFFICULT... USE THEM AS REPEATERS."
CRA-POW
"A CHAIN EXPLOSION OF MICROCHARGES. IT SHOULD DESTROY THE SUPPORTS."
KRA POW
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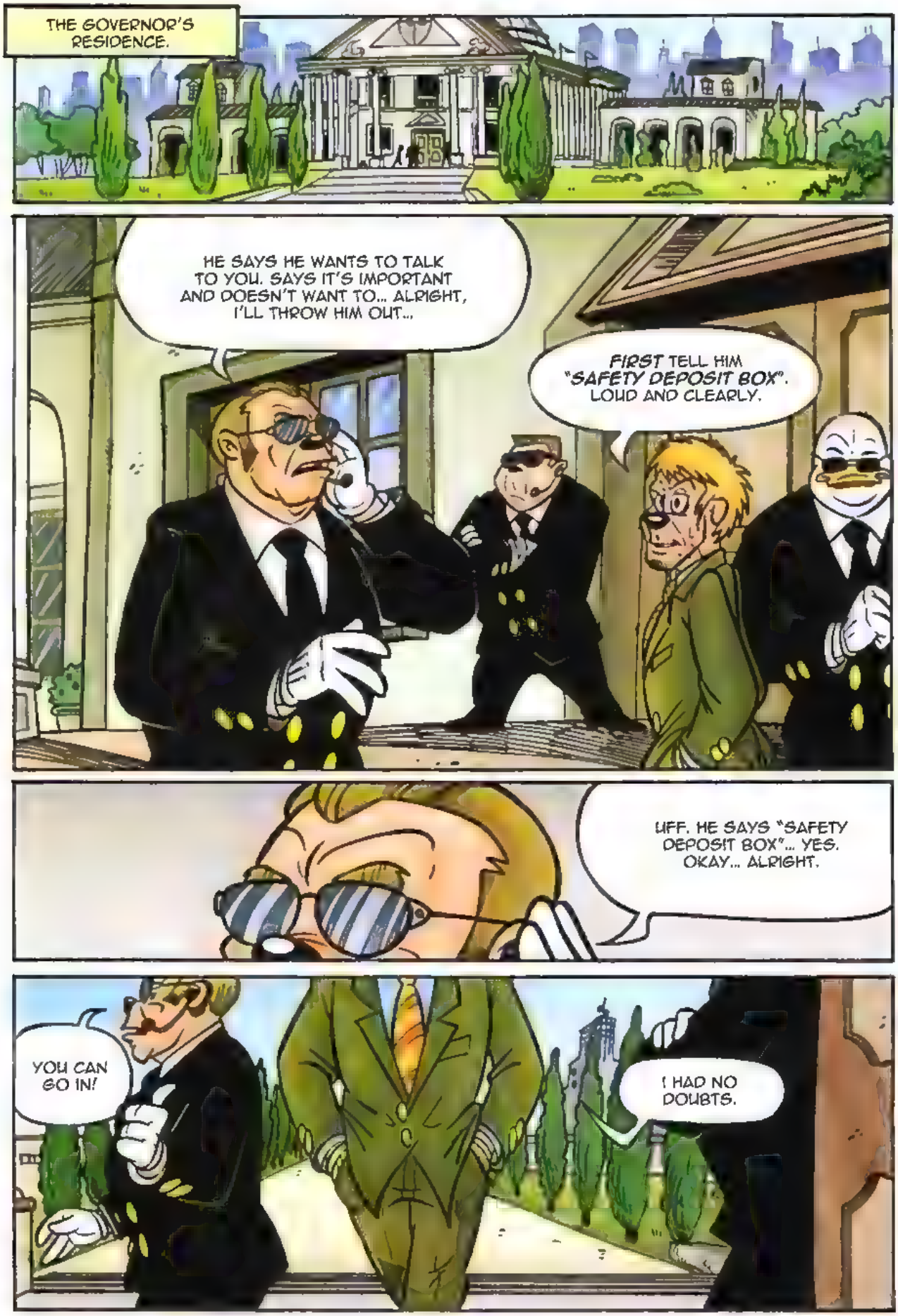
"GOOD SHOW, FROM ABOVE. THE FREE CITY, THE FREE THOUGHTS..."
YES, IT'S POSSIBLE.
... POSSIBLE?
POSSIBLE, SIR?

EVERYTHING ALRIGHT?
YES... I WAS LOST IN THOUGHT. IS THE MAINTENANCE OF THE TRANSMISSION SYSTEMS PROCEEDING REGULARLY?
?
FROM THE DATA IN MY POSSESSION, I'D SAY YES!
... PARDON THE INTERRUPTION, BUT I HAVE BAD NEWS, SIR...
... A CHANNEL OO NEWS REPORT HAS HIT OUR SYSTEMS HARD...
I EXPECTED IT, SOONER OR LATER. LYLA? COME HERE RIGHT NOW.
... FOR THAT ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN... SHOULD WE START NOW?
NOT YET. IT WOULD SEEM LIKE A NERVOUS RESPONSE AT THIS POINT.
HERE I AM.
LEAVE US ALONE.

ONE OF YOUR FORMER COLLEAGUES HAS DONE A BAD STORY ON US. DO YOU KNOW SOMETHING?
NO. I CAREFULLY AVOIDED...
I DON'T WANT TO REGRET HAVING YOU HERE.
YOU WON'T HAVE TO.
BUT WHERE DO I FIND ENOUGH EXPLOSIVES?
EXCUSE ME?

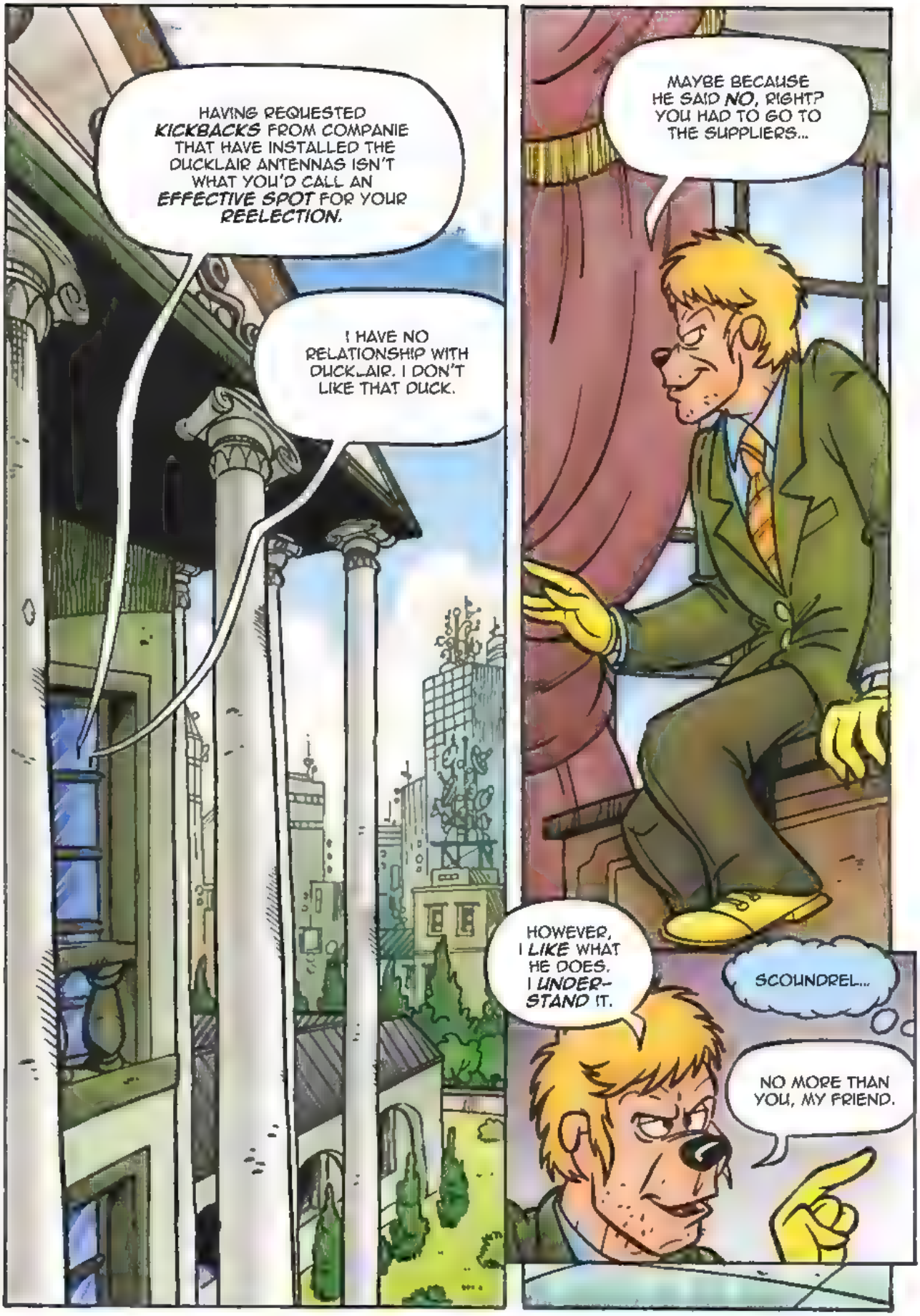
THAT'S A PROBLEM. I'D NEED DOZENS OF KILOS...
DOZENS OF KILOS OF WHAT? YOU'RE GOING TO FESTOON?
OH, NO! I WAS TALKING TO MYSELF!
AND HOW'S SLEEP GOING?
BETTER, THANKS. I SOLVED A PROBLEM.
OH, BUT HERE'S ANOTHER ONE! YOU'RE TENSE, VERY TENSE!

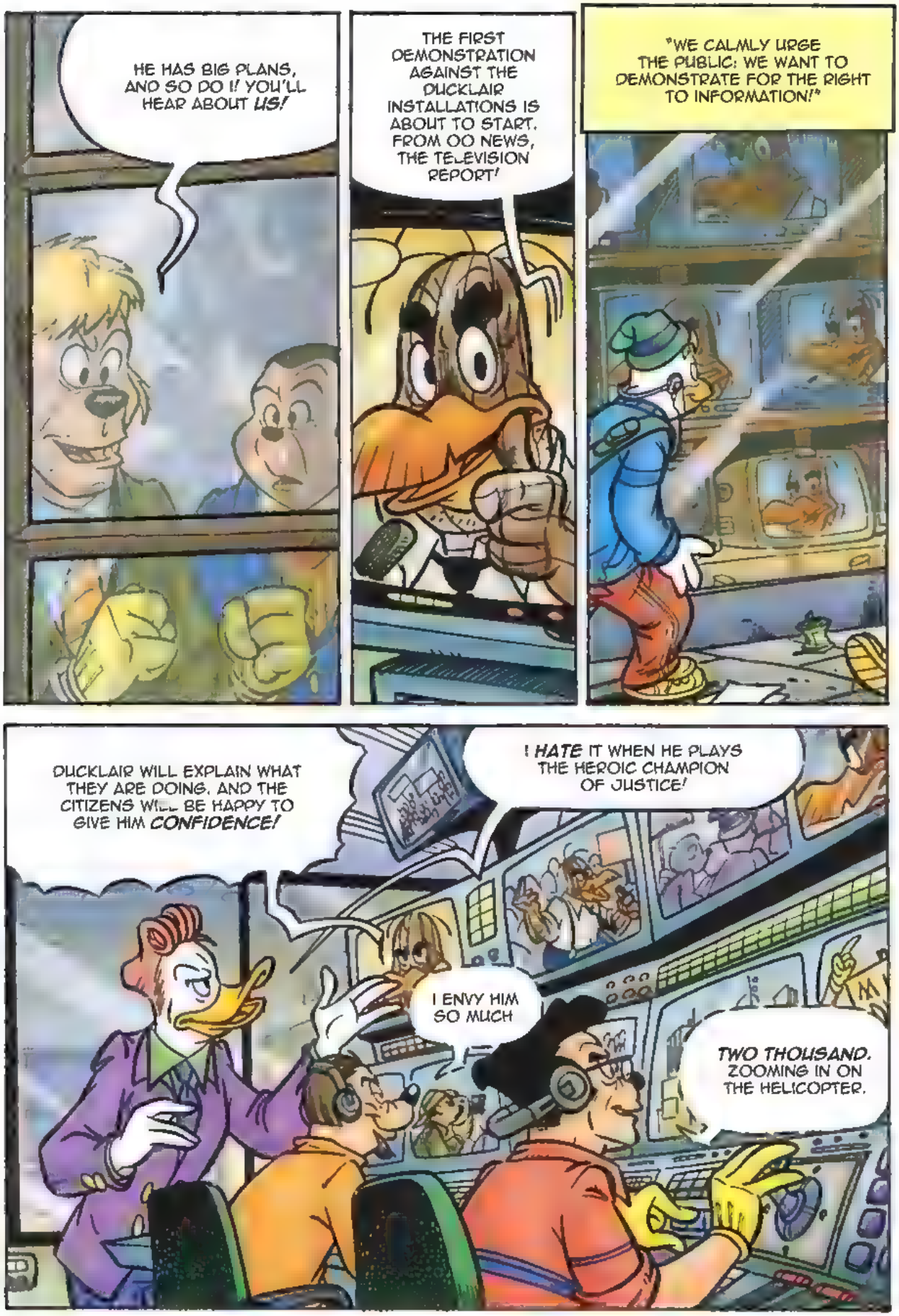
THE RHOMBOID MAYOR IS CONTRACTED! THE TRICEPS CRIES! THE LEVATOR SCAPULAE SUFFERS!
I-I DON'T GET IT, BUT I'M WORRIED.
IT'S THE MUSCLES. AND YOU DO WELL TO WORRY. BUT WITH A THOROUGH MASSAGE, I CAN LOOSEN THEM!
HEY! I FEEL BETTER ALREADY!
LUCKILY RUPERT'S SOMEWHERE ELSE. WHO KNOWS WHAT HE'D THINK IF...
INTERESTING, EH, RUPERT? DO YOU ALSO WANT AUDIO, RUPERT?


THE GOVERNOR'S RESIDENCE.
HE SAYS HE WANTS TO TALK TO YOU. SAYS IT'S IMPORTANT AND DOESN'T WANT TO... ALRIGHT, I'LL THROW HIM OUT...
FIRST TELL HIM "SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX". LOUD AND CLEARLY.
UFF. HE SAYS "SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX"... YES. OKAY... ALRIGHT.
YOU CAN GO IN!
I HAD NO DOUBTS.

GOOD DAY, GOVERNOR.
ENTER, AND CLOSE THE DOOR.
I'LL SKIP THE INTRODUCTION AND GET TO THE POINT: AS YOU UNDERSTAND, YOUR LITTLE SECRET IS NO LONGER A SECRET.
THAT'S NOT A VERY GOOD BLUFF. LET'S HEAR IT, WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU KNOW?
THINGS. OF INTEREST.
LISTEN: I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE, BUT I KNOW PEOPLE WHO'D MAKE YOU FORGET *EVERYTHING.*
I DON'T ASK FOR MUCH. JUST GRANT ME A CONSTANT FLOW OF FEDERAL FUNDS. I'VE ALREADY CREATED AN FIRM IN MY NAME AND...
I SEE WE DON'T UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER!

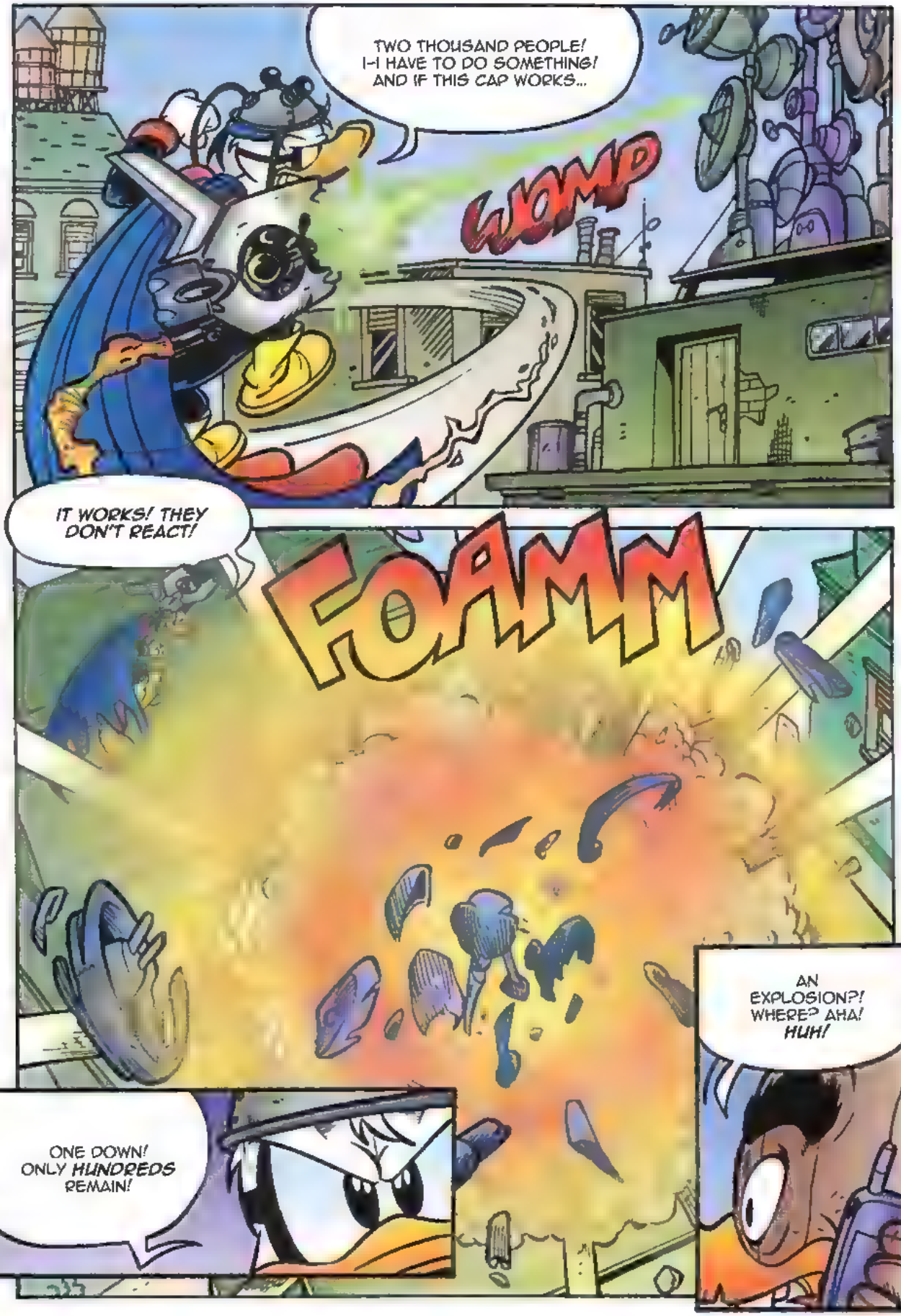
SFRASH
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND, BUT MAYBE YOU KNOW HOW TO READ!
HOW... WHERE... OID... GET...
THEY'RE PHOTO-COPIES, YOU KNOW? I HAVE A STACK AT A HOTEL. AND I ALSO HAVE A PORTABLE COMPUTER THERE.
THEY'RE IN A WELL LAID OUT WEBSITE...
WWW.EVERYTHING-YOUDIDNTKNOW-ABOUTTHE-GOVERNOR.COM/
IF I DON'T COME BACK IN A COUPLE OF HOURS TO GO INTO THE NETWORK, IT'LL BE SPREADING A LOT OF BANNER ADS.
W-WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM ME?
YOU HAVEN'T PAID ATTENTION. FEDERAL FUNDS TO MY ACCOUNT. IT WILL SEEM COMPLETELY NORMA... UNLIKE YOUR AFFAIRS.


HAVING REQUESTED KICKBACKS FROM COMPANIE THAT HAVE INSTALLED THE DUCKLAIR ANTENNAS ISN'T WHAT YOU'D CALL AN EFFECTIVE SPOT FOR YOUR REELECTION.
I HAVE NO RELATIONSHIP WITH DUCKLAIR. I DON'T LIKE THAT DUCK.
MAYBE BECAUSE HE SAID NO, RIGHT? YOU HAD TO GO TO THE SUPPLIERS...
HOWEVER, I LIKE WHAT HE DOES. I UNDERSTAND IT.
SCOUNDREL...
NO MORE THAN YOU, MY FRIEND.


HE HAS BIG PLANS, AND SO DO I! YOU'LL HEAR ABOUT *US!*
THE FIRST DEMONSTRATION AGAINST THE DUCKLAIR INSTALLATIONS IS ABOUT TO START. FROM OO NEWS, THE TELEVISION REPORT!
"WE CALMLY URGE THE PUBLIC: WE WANT TO DEMONSTRATE FOR THE RIGHT TO INFORMATION!"
DUCKLAIR WILL EXPLAIN WHAT THEY ARE DOING, AND THE CITIZENS WILL BE HAPPY TO GIVE HIM *CONFIDENCE!*
I *HATE* IT WHEN HE PLAYS THE HEROIC CHAMPION OF JUSTICE!
I ENVY HIM SO MUCH
TWO THOUSAND. ZOOMING IN ON THE HELICOPTER.

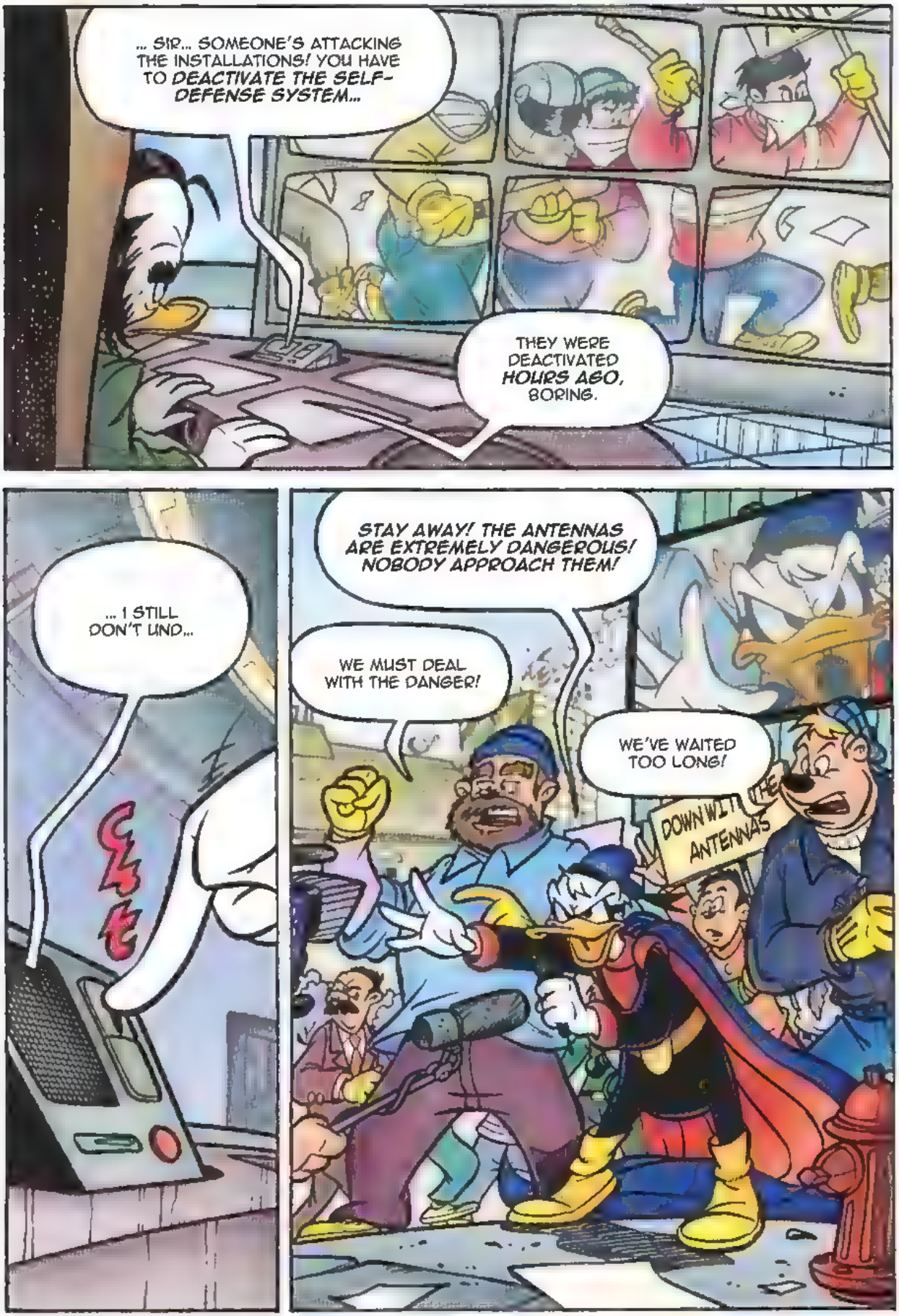
SOME SPEAK OF *TWENTY THOUSAND* PEOPLE. BUT TO THE EYES THERE ARE MANY MORE!
BOOT
BOOT
EEEE

... SIR! AH... YOU'RE ALSO WATCHING IT...
FOR A WHILE. THINGS ARE TAKING AN UNEXPECTED TURN.
... I'VE ALREADY SENT MEN TO GUARD THE INSTALLATIONS. THEY SHOULD ALREADY BE IN PLACE AND...
CALL THEM BACK! THERE'S NO NEED!
... BUT YOU MENTIONED THE AUTOMATIC DEFENSE SYSTEMS! IT'S CLEAR THAT THEY COULD BE ACTIVATED...
WHAT'S CLEAR IS THAT THERE'S NEED OF A LESSON, FOR EVERYONE!
... I-I DON'T UNDER-STAND...
DON'T ASK TOO MUCH OF YOURSELF, BORING.


TWO THOUSAND PEOPLE! I-I HAVE TO DO SOMETHING! AND IF THIS CAP WORKS...
WOMP
IT WORKS! THEY DON'T REACT!
FOAMM
ONE DOWN! ONLY HUNDREDS REMAIN!
AN EXPLOSION?! WHERE? AHA! HUH!

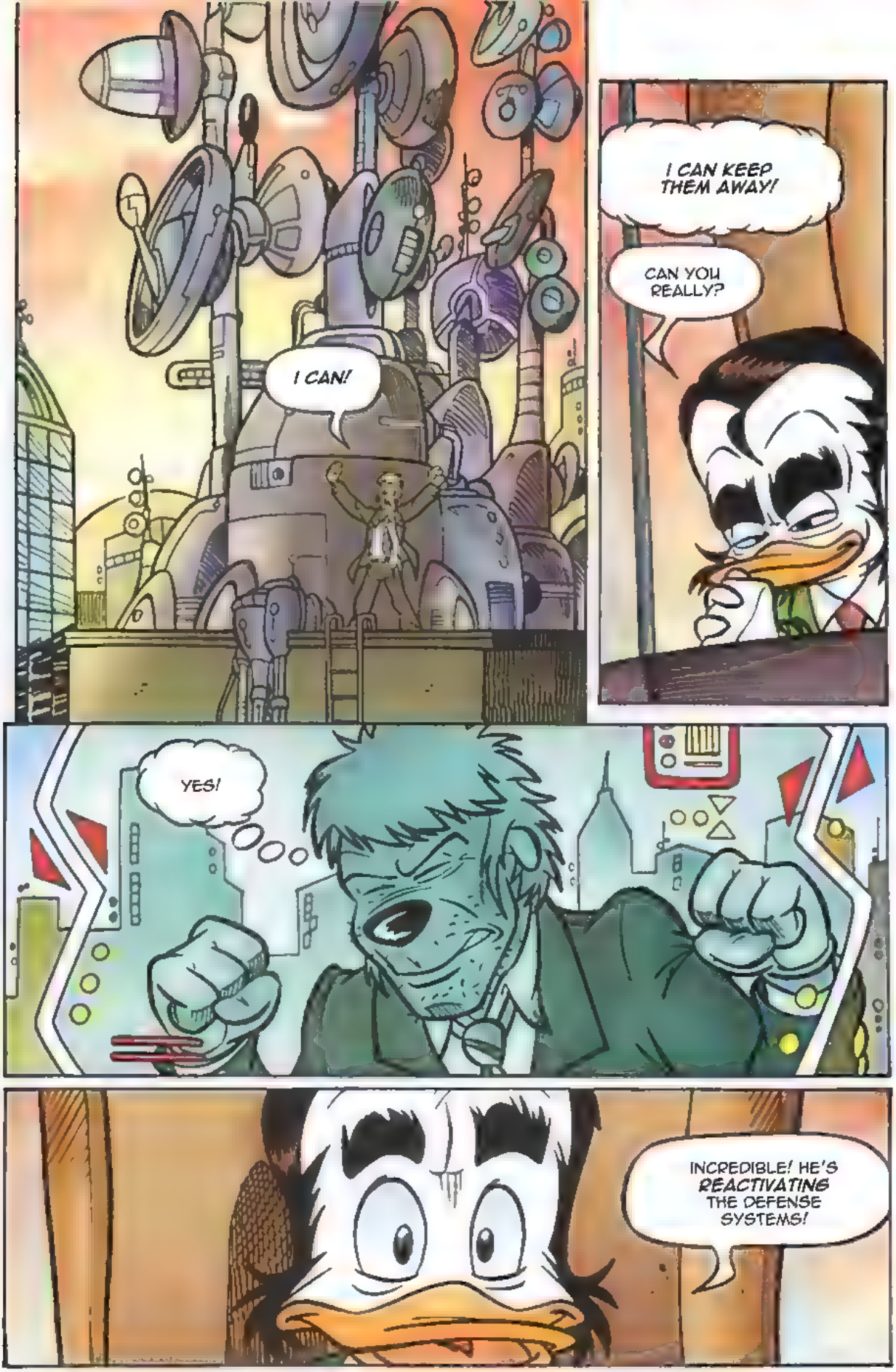
AN EXPLOSION HAS OCCURRED THREE BLOCK FROM HERE. I URGE EVERYONE TO REMAIN CALM!
THE SITUATION REMAINS UNDER CONTROL...
WOAMM
THAT'S THREE. THIS WON'T DO, THOUGH!

YOU'RE LIVE, ANGUS? LET ME SPEAK!
ISOLATE THE HOTHEADS!
JOHN WITH THE ANTENNAS
YOU?!
BUUURN...
IT'S WHAT MUST BE DONE!
URGH!
S-STOP!
DEEESTROYYY!
WHY SO MUCH HATE?
NO!


... SIR... SOMEONE'S ATTACKING THE INSTALLATIONS! YOU HAVE TO DEACTIVATE THE SELF-DEFENSE SYSTEM...
THEY WERE DEACTIVATED HOURS AGO, BORING.
... I STILL DON'T UND...
STAY AWAY! THE ANTENNAS ARE EXTREMELY DANGEROUS! NOBODY APPROACH THEM!
WE MUST DEAL WITH THE DANGER!
WE'VE WAITED TOO LONG!
DOWN WI... ANTENNAS

HEY! THERE'S ONE UP HERE!
PANT! LEAVE IT... ALONE!
YOU WITH DUCKLAIR, PAL?
YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING! PANT!
WE KNOW ENOUGH! NO ONE WILL GET HURT, BUT WE MUST CLEAN UP THE CITY!
YOU...
I SAID NO ONE WILL GET HURT!
GUYS! LET'S TALK!
DOWN WITH DUCKLAIR

GLOM. I FEEL THIS WILL COST ME A *BILLION DOLLAR* LAWSUIT!
THE MAIN INSTALLATION... FROM HERE... I CAN...


I CAN!
I CAN KEEP THEM AWAY!
CAN YOU REALLY?
YES!
INCREDIBLE! HE'S *REACTIVATING* THE DEFENSE SYSTEMS!

"AND HE'S RELEASED THE COMBAT *DRONES!*"
STAY AWAY!
WHOOSH
HOBEY?!
DOWN WITH THE ANTENNAS
WHOOSH
I KNOW THESE *THINGS*, *DUCKLAIR* JUNK! SO THE *PIECES* ARE HIS!
SMACK

HI THERE. YOU'LL HAVE TO EXPLAIN LATER WHAT YOU'RE DOING UP HERE.
OOOF!
RIGHT NOW, SLEE...
FIRE, NOW!
POW
POW
POW
ARGH!
I'M RUNNING OUT OF CHOREO-GRAPHY! SOMEONE D-DO SOME-THING!
POW
POW
IS THE HANDLE WELL ISOLATED, BRETT?
DUCKLAIR GO HOME
COUNT ON IT!

CLUNK
YOU TURNED OFF THE SIGN IN FRONT OF THE ROTISSERIE, BRETT.
THERE'S A LOT OF CABLES HERE..
POW
POW
HEY! THERE'S A LOT OF CABLES HERE!
TOO MANY.
YOU DON'T THINK THAT'LL HELP, DO YOU? THIS LOCATION IS UNASSAILABLE, FROM ALL POINTS OF VIEW!
AND HOW DO YOU KNOW THAAARGH!
I ASKED!
... SIR! THEY...
BE QUIET, BORING!

YOU PUT OUT A STREETLIGHT, BRETT.
I'M WORKING ON IT!
WOOZ
IT'S HARD...
... TO NOT HAVE A SCREWDRIVER!
ANOTHER STREETLIGHT. OUR STREET-LIGHT, BRETT
OH?
... HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE ARE CONVERGING TOWARDS THE MAIN INSTALLATION, SIR!
YES...
WE'LL GIVE EVERYONE A SURPRISE.

CHUNK
IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE A GOOD IDEA TO BE SWINGING BLINDLY, BRETT.
SOMETIMES IT HELPS...
BREEP
... SIR, YOU DON'T REALLY WANT TO DO IT?!
FWOOM
FWOOM
FWOOM
GDENG
HUH?!

HEY! SOMEONE STOLE MY IDEA!
NO...
I'LL EXPLAIN IF YOU CLOSE YOUR BEAK, BORING.

I DESTROYED WHAT WAS LEFT OF THE ANTENNAS TO SAVE THEM!

WHEN SOMETHING FRIGHTENS THE PEOPLE, THE BEST POLICY IS TO ELIMINATE IT! DON'T YOU THINK SO?
... I THINK IT'S ABSURD!
WHAT'S THE SUBSTANCE OF A SYSTEM OF TELEPAT... OF TELECOMMUNICATION, BORING?
... THE ABILITY TO COVER THE TERRITORY...
GOOD. AND SO, IN THE TERRITORY...
... THE CABLING...
"EXACTLY. AND YOU'LL AGREE WITH ME THAT THE SYSTEMS' CABLES ARE SAFE AND SOUND, READY TO BE REUTILIZED."
CAUNK
"GIVE THEM SOMETHING TO BREAK, AND THEY'LL FORGE THE REST. FOREVER."

... YOU MEAN TO SAY YOU HAD FORESEEN EVERYTHING?
LET'S SAY THAT I'VE BEEN PROVIDENT. THE AERIAL PART OF THE ANTENNAS WERE NOT DECISIVE FOR THE FUNCTIONING OF THE SYSTEMS, FOR EXAMPLE.
FOR THE REST, I'VE FOLLOWED, UTILIZED AND ADDRESSED RANDOM EVENTS.
"DESTINY'S STRANGE... IT BRINGS UNKNOWNS ON THE SCENE, AND MAKE THEM THE PROTAGONISTS."
"MAYBE FOR JUST ONE DAY."
MARKET

FINE